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Patton's Men Within 14 Miles Of Mainz

Strong U. S. Forces Break Into Siegfried Line South-East Of Saarbruecken

SHAEF, March, 19 (APA)— The German army ran for the Rhine today in desperate retreat and General Patton's Third Army slashed within 14 miles of Mainz and within 19 miles of Kaiserlautern.

This day of debacle provided perfect bombing-strafing weather for the allies and the nothern half of the Bavarian Palatinate was turned into a veritable slaughter ground while to the south-east a trap was being sprung on perhaps 80,000 Germans

This appeared to be the Wehrmacht's last debacle west of the Rhine and the enemy was taking losses from which he would never recover for the major defence east of the Rhine carrier.

The Germans apparently are clearing out of the long-held area of Nijmegen in the low country wing of the Western Front.

Allied patrols have pushed forward north of Zetten and into the Randwyk vicinity on the south side of the Rhine without encountering enemy resistance in any appreciable numbers.

Reuter adds: Swift deterioration of the German position in the Moselle-Saar-Rhine triangle was shown in daylight to-day when Allied reconnaissance pilots saw considerable German movement on the roads despite an almost continuous umbrella of Allied fighters and fighter-bombers.

East of Saarbrucken to the Rhine the Germans have completed their withdrawal to the Siegfried Line where the Americans are in close pursuit. Fighting here has become more fierce.

In Northern Alsace Lauterburg, 10 miles across the Rhine, from Karlsruhe, and Weissemburg, 13 miles north-west of Lauterburg on the Franco-German frontier, have both been reached.

The German News Agency to-day said that strong United States forces have broken into the Siegfried Line south-east of Saarbruecken.

Reuter's Military Correspondent adds: General Patton's offensive is an important diversion. This is evident from the strength with which he is operating. He is employing more armour than in his Normandy breakthrough last summer.

The mopping up of the already disorganised Germans in the Saar Basin and general closing up of the Allies to the Rhine between Coblenz and Strasbourg appear to be only preliminary incidents of the new plan.

It has been clear for some time that Marshal Rundstedt had so denuded his southern sectors that he could not possibly withstand any serious offensive against it. Now General Eisenhower is exploiting this situation.

On Saturday Allied forces in the West took 5,146 prisoners, the Allied "communique" added to-day.

GUDERIAN SACKED

LONDON, March 19. (A. P. A.): The Moscow radio reported to-day that Hitler had named General Ferdinand Schoerner as Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Front following the dismissal of Guderian". Schoerner, one time Commander-in-Chief of the Baltic Front, recently had been reported Commanding the army group fighting in Silesia.

LUDENDORF BRIDGE REPAIRED

SHAEF, March 19.

Lundendorf bridge at Remagen, which collapsed yesterday, is now almost repaired and is expected to be in use soon again.

Remagen bridgehead has been extended to 15 miles by nearly eight miles and the Americans now control six miles of the Frankfurt-Cologne highway.

Two hundred engineers were working on the central span of the Ludendorf bridge when it collapsed. Some are considered casualties, but others were pulled out of water to safety.

SIND GOVT. TO RECOMMEND RELEASE OF JAIRAMDAS

Seven Congressmen Set Free: Govt. Considering Other Cases Favourably, Says Home Minister

KARACHI, March 19 (A.P.I.) The Government of Sind have decided to recommend to the Government of India for the release of Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram, former member of the Congress Working Committee, who has been detained in the Hyderabad prison since August 1942, the Home Minister Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali informed the Sind Assembly today.

Asked whether it was not within the purview of the provincial government to release Mr. Jairamdas like the Frontier Government releasing Khan Abdul Ghaffarkhan, the Home Minister replied that he did not know under what circumstances the Frontier Government had ordered the release of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

Speaking about his health the Home Minister said that the health of Mr. Jairamdas has considerably improved in jail.

Home Minister's Announcement

In pursuance of their policy for gradual jail delivery the Government of Sind to-day ordered the release of seven prominent Congress men including Prof. N. R. Malkani and Mr. Lears am Tahiramani who were detained since August 1942.

The Home Minister, Mr. Ghulam Ali, making this announcement in the Sind Assembly to-day added that the Government were favourably considering the cases of the remaining Congressmen including three M.L.A.s, namely Dr. Choitaram Gidwani, Prof. Ghansham and Mr. P. T. Vaecha.—

Sind University Bill Goes To Special Committee

KARACHI, March 19: In view of the Hindu opposition to the communal ratio in regard to the membership of the proposed Senate and the Syndicate, the Sind University Bill which was expected to come before the Assembly to-day has been referred by the Ministerial Party to a Special Committee consisting of Pir Illahbux, Education Minister, Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani, Revenue Minister, and Mr. Bhaimal Doulatram (Hindu Independent).

The Committee is expected to consider the objections and recast the bill before it is introduced in the Assembly.—A. P. I.

Ceylon Congress Invites Dr. Marmud

SEWAGRAM, March 19 (A.P.I.): Dr. Syed Mahmud has been invited to preside over the Frontier Congress Constructive Workers Conference, which will commence on April 6.

The Ceylon Congress has also invited Dr. Mahmud to preside over the conference to be held there on April 30.

Dr. Mahmud it is believed will consult Mahatma Gandhi on the matter, and if he decides to go to Ceylon, his visit, it is stated, will further add to the efforts made to bring about a better understanding between the Indians and the Singalese.

Demand For Restoration Of Poona Congress House

POONA, March 19 (U.P.I.): It is understood that Mr. N. V. Gadgil, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, has made a representation to the District Magistrate of Poona, in his capacity as the Chief Trustee, demanding back the Congress House.

Mr. Gadgil claims that the Congress House trust which owns the property is an entirely independent body and not connected with the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee which was declared illegal by Government.

Mr. Gadgil has further asked for damages for the "wrongful" occupation of the Congress House.

STOP PRESS

ANOTHER RAID ON JAPAN

LONDON, March 19. (Reuter): Tokyo Radio reported another raid on Nagoya, Japan's greatest aircraft producing centre, by Superfortresses early to-day.

NAZI PLANTS RAIDED

LONDON, March 19. (Reuter): More than 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators to-day attacked a jet component plant at Baumenheim Airfields near Neuberg and Leipheim, industrial targets at Plauen, and war factories at Jena. More than 600 Mustangs escorted the bombers.

Congress Terms To Assam Premier

"Release Leaders And Revise Land Settlement Policy"

SHILLONG, March 19. (U. P. I.)

Following yesterday's parleys between party leaders for an agreed basis for a ministry enjoying the confidence of all the parties, the Congress Coalition Party at a meeting this evening decided to offer to Sir Muhammad Saddullah to resign and reconstitute a ministry carrying confidence of all parties in the Assembly.

Detailing the terms on which such a ministry could have the support of the Congress Party even though out of office, a joint letter addressed this evening to Sir Muhammad by Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, leader, Congress Party, and Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudury, leader, Nationalist Coalition Party, says that political prisoners should be released and restriction orders on all political internees and externees withdrawn. As regards procurement and supply, provision for adequate supply to the people should be made, while removing corruption and enlisting popular support and co-operation.

The land settlement policy should also be revised in the ligtht of the memorandum submitted by party leaders attending the Land Conference held in December last. The reconstituted cabinet should also exercise the option of reopening the question of distribution of the local board seats.

If Sir Muhammad agrees to the above terms, he has been requested to make a declaration in the House accordingly to-morrow afternoon and fix a date, at the same time, not later than March 23, when he would resign and reconstitute the ministry.

The Congress Party will support this Government even without being in the cabinet.

Gandhiji & Draft Hindu Code

MADRAS, March 19.

"Gandhiji is disinclined to enter into discussion about the draft Hindu Code, as in the present state of his health it is not possible for him to study the Code as well as the mass of literature relevant on the subject, which it is necessary to do for fruitful discussion," writes Mahatma Gandhi's Secretary to Mr. Chandrasekhara Reddi of Nellore in reply to a communication from the latter to Gandhiji.—A. P. I.

C. P. Congress M. L. A.'s To Meet In April

NAGPUR, March 19.

Mr. V. R. Kalappa, Secretary of the Central Provinces and Berar Assembly Congress Party has suggested to the members of the Party that a meeting of the Party may be held at Nagpur on April 8.

Details about the meeting are expected to be formulated by the end of this month.—A. P. I.

"MAHATMA CAN STILL GIVE LEAD

BIRMINGHAM, March 19. (Reuter). The "Birmingham Post" in an editorial to-day under the headline "A Hint to Mr. Gandhi" writes: Considerable amount of interest is attached to an interview granted by Mr. Amery to the "Bombay Chronicle" and quoted in the "Sunday Times", in which the Secretary of States for India emphasises once more that since the Cripps offer was made the door has remained open.

"The statement is unequivocal and shows again that there is genuine purpose to give India her place along with other nations either within the Commonwealth or, if she wishes, outside it.

"As to the prospects of an end of the deadlock Mr. Amery feels, as others will feel with him, that Mr. Gandhi can still give the lead."

Another Leaguer Joins Unionist

LAHORE March 19. (A. P. I.): Another member of the Punjab Assembly Muslim League Party, Syed Nawazish Ali to-day crossed the floor and occupied a seat again after a brief lapse on Ministerial (Unionist) benches.

This further reduces the strength of the Muslim League Party to 22 in a house of 175, three members having returned to the Unionist fold during the current budget session.

S. O. S. TO KING

SAVE CHIMUR AND ASHTI CONDEMNED

Akola Civil Liberties Union's Cablegram

The Secretory, Civil Liberties Union, Akola writes:-

The Indian Civil Liberties Union Akola District has sent the following Cablegram to His Majesty The King Emperor:-

His Majesty King Emperor, London.

Civil Liberties Union Akola District Central Provinces humbly prays Your Majesty be graciously pleased to be merciful to condemned prisoners-raw youths-of Chimur and Ashti cases

Execution Postponed

NEW DELHI March 18: The execution of seven Chimur and Ashti prisoners has been postponed. The execution had been fixed to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The postponement followed upon a meeting which Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mrs. Anasuyabai Kale, Deputy Speaker, C. P. Assembly, had with Sir John Throne, Secretary to the Governor-General (Public), to urge that the prisoners should be given time to make their mercy petitions to the King.—A. P. I.

GANDHIJI'S LETTER TO SIND PREMIER

Request To Withdraw Ban On "Satyarth Prakash"

KARACHI, MARCH 19.

The United Press understands that Mahatma Gandhi has addressed a letter to Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Sind Premier, on the subject of the Satyarth Prakash. Although the contents of the letter have not been made public, it is stated that Gandhiji dwells on the fundamental principles concerning religious books, which he says, could not be violated. He is said to have requested the Premier to withdraw the ban on the 14th chapter of the Satyarth Prakash.

WHITE RUSSIANS TO ASK STALIN FOR RECOGNITION

LONDON, March 16 (Globe): Two thousand "White" Russians who helped the French Maquis and hid Red Army prisoners in France during the German occupation intend to appeal to Marshal Stalin for the restoration of their Russian nationality, says the "Evening Standard."

They held a meeting in Paris that was attended by many former Russian aristocrats and they sang the national anthem of the U.S.S.R. while facing an illuminated picture of Marshal Stalin.

The approach to Stalin will be made through the Soviet Ambassador in Paris. Although many of them have become French citizens, most still hold "Nansen" passports.

REDS GRIND DOWN NAZI POCKET AROUND KOENIGSBERG

MOSCOW March 19. (Reuter): What is probably the toughest German bridgehead of the whole war on the Eastern Front—the pocket around the Baltic Port of Koenigsberg,—is to-day being ground down by a great concentric drive by troops of the late General Chernyakhovsky's Command.

German detachments are being split off from the main body one after another but the Germans are still resisting furiously.

Before Stettin also the Germans are making a desperate bid to hold their Oder bridgehead on the east bank of the river and have thrown in new tank divisions on the Altdamm sector.

In the south Marshal Malinovsky, after capturing the Czechoslovak rail centre of Altschle Zvolen has made several swift thrusts to the Hron river, and is now massing men and armour along this water barrier before the Bratislava gap through which advance on Vienna is expected.

This development appears to be the beginning of a general flare-up right across Czechoslovakia and down to Hungary.

KOLHAPUR DURBAR AND PANGIRE CASE

Appeal To Viceroy For Protection Against Newspapers

KOLHAPUR, March 19.

It is understood that the Kolhapur Durbar in a communication to the Crown Representative has requested him to see whether any action could be taken against those newspapers which had published allegations in connection with the Pangire case.—United Press.

15 Jap Ships Sunk

WASHINGTON March 19, (Reuter): A Navy "communique" announced to-day that 15 more Japanese ships including three destroyers and two escort vessels have been sunk by American submarines in Far East waters.

Plans For Bombay Rural Development

Work For Demobilised Soldiers: Glimpses Into Budget Proposals

BOMBAY, March 19.

It is learnt that the Government of Bombay are preparing a comprehensive rural reconstruction plan which will be implemented in the beginning of the next financial year in three selected Talukas of the Province, namely one in each of the Revenue Divisions, Central, South and North.

The Government scheme is meant for an intensive land development and will also 'inter alia' include model housing, road construction, better sanitation by establishing more dispensaries, soil preservation, improvement of agricultural products, better supply of seed and other vital needs for human life.

The Government have already planned an intensive development of the rural life to employ a certain percentage of the huge number of soldiers who would be thrown out of employment due to demobilisation in the post-war period.

Various other plans for rural development in the next year will, the "United Press" learns, be disclosed in the Budget statement of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay when he will release Budget Proposals of the Government for the year 1945-46 to the Press on March 28.—United Press.

R. A. F. MEN WHO WROTE TO THE PRESS

Rebuked For Criticising Govt. Over Greek Issue

LONDON, March 19. (U. P. A.) Two members of the Royal Air Force, who wrote to the British Press criticising the British Government's attitude in Greece, had to take a 900-mile journey from Allahabad to Calcutta in order to be rebuked, says the "Daily Worker" to-day.

Both the men were Communists and one of them risks losing his stripe for which he was recently recommended, the "Daily Worker" reports, quoting a letter from the man's wife.

ARAB LEAGUE

CAIRO, March 19.

The constitution of the Arab League was finally settled this afternoon by the Preparatory Committee and will be publicly signed at the full meeting of the Arab Congress to-morrow.—Reuter.

Fresh Australian Troops For MacArthur

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19. (A. P. A.) Australia has assigned additional troops "a splendid striking force"—to General Douglas MacArthur, when "strategically practicable," it was disclosed to-day by Mr. Francis Forde, Australian Army Minister.

Mr. Forde explained the troops were in addition to the AEF engaged in eliminating an estimated 250 000 Japanese in the by-passed South-West Pacific Islands.

Mr. Forde and his party are "en route" to Washington and London and will attend the United Nations Conference opening here on April 25.

Air Assault On Berlin Continues

LONDON, March 19, (A. P. I.): Berlin was bombed heavily three times and three additional Nazi headquarters were attacked over the week-end as the chain of Allied warplanes kept up their great assault on Germany.

They were back over the Reich to-day, according to the German radio which has been going on the air at frequent intervals since the record attack on Sunday noon by 2,000 American bombers and fighters comprising the biggest force of planes ever said to sail over the battered Nazi capital at one time. They poured more than 3,000 tons of bombs at the rate of almost a ton per second.

Then, shortly after dark, R. A. F. Mosquitoes continuing their nightly visits to Berlin dropped wo-ton block-busters in the glow of fires burning in three sections of the city as the result of the noontime attack.

"Mercy Killing" Of Invalid Wife: Doctor Convicted

LEEDS, ENGLAND, March 19, (A. P. I.): William Umpleby, 38-year-old British medical corps private was convicted to-day for the "mercy killing" of his invalid wife, Lilly, 42. He had testified that "she asked me to do it."

The jury made a strong recommendation for clemency in reaching the verdict only 45 minutes.

Umpleby offered no defence and the prosecution said the soldier had been devoted to his wife for 18 years during most of which time she was an invalid.

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League M. L. A. Demands

Freedom Now - To End Economic Anarchy

Prof. Ranga Says Nehru And Jinnah Should Go To San Francisco; Further Criticism Of Budget

NEW DELHI, March 19: The Central Assembly continued debate on the Finance Bill for the fourth day to-day.

Prof. N. G. Ranga (Congress) concluding his speech asked why members of the Congress Working Committee had not yet been released. He remarked that the release of Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan had not resulted in the Home Member being given his ticket to go to England. The moment Mahatma Gandhi was released, he said all frustration had disappeared and India was going to be free whether Government liked it or not.

Prof. Ranga thought that Pandit Nehru and Mr. Jinnah were the proper persons to go to San Francisco. He felt that Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon could go as their advisers, but not as principals.

Prof. Ranga protested against Government's contribution of Rs. six crores for UNRRA, which had not given any help to the victims of the Bengal famine. India did not wish to commit herself to these international conferences at this juncture.

"BACKDOOR RELIEF"

Haji Chowdhury Mohammud Ismail Khan (Muslim League), criticising the Food Department asserted that it had a long list of British officers and looked like a "backdoor relief department". He suggested that each Department should scrutinize its expenditure and place it before the House at least twice a year.

New Delhi, he went on to say, had completely failed to understand that behind the economic anarchy in the country lay deep the roots of a political crisis, and unless they were eradicated, all efforts emanating from New Delhi would prove of no avail. "We will go on from one crisis to another, unless the political crisis comes to an end." Only a National Government composed of all parties meet the requirements of the times". Other countries, right in the midst of war, have found it possible to change the horses, set up new Governments and have got going with them. "Why could it not be done in India here and now"?

Haji Mohammud Ismail criticised the composition of the Indian representatives to the San Francisco Conference, and said that the way in which the Government had selected the Indian representatives was an indicator of their intentions. "When the war was declared we were not consulted, during the war itself we had little or no say in the shaping of the country's life and when the war is drawing to a close, the old policy of by-passing the people is asserting itself". Unless the Government, he remarked, changed their age-old line which was thoroughly out of tune with the time, they would be groping in the dark being unable to solve any single problem of importance."

DEMOBILISED SOLDIERS

Rev. J. C. Chatterjee recalled that at the end of last war Governments of England and other countries promised that the demobilised soldier would return to a land fit for heroes to live in, but the demobilised soldiers were very dissatisfied with what they got. At the end of this war, therefore, Government should see that welfare of the soldiers who had fought in the war should be given first preference.

BETEL NUTS DUTY RESENTED

Mr. Jinaraji Hedge (Congress), condemning the duty on betel nuts, said that the average excise duty collected per acre in one district had risen to Rs. 150 and the growers were thinking whether they could cut down betel nut trees and grow paddy in their place.

Dealing with inflation, Mr. Hedge said, that the increase in India had been 200 per cent as compared to 28 per cent in England and 18 per cent in America. The main reason seemed to him that the supply member had made India a base for supplying not only the civilian needs but also the war needs of all the countries. They had paid a heavy price in the name of war and inflation.

The food position on the whole, he said, was different and his side of the House was anxious that this should be solved. Connected with this problem was the "Grow More Food" campaigns. They were told that in 1939 about 3,000,000 more tons of food was produced. If the figures were correct, he asked why individual quota under rationing had not been increased.

DEFENCE OF BRITISH VESTED INTERESTS

Dewan Abdul Basith Chaudhry (Muslim League) asked whether the expenditure of Rs. 646 crores for Defence—ten times the prewar figure—was for India's defence or for the defence of the vested interests of British imperialism. He said "We will gladly undergo suffering if we get our freedom and the right of self-determination. But we are suffering not for our cause but for British vested interests."

Mr. Chaudhry complained that while the provinces were strengthening their resources by starting new industries during wartime, Assam was suffering the hardships of being in the war zone.

INDIA'S DEFENCE STRENGTH

Sir Vithal Chandavarker said that although large expenditure had been incurred, this had not left the country any defence strength of a permanent character. Was it not surprising, he asked, that Australia with comparatively less natural potentiage had built up ship-building and aircraft factories?

Sir Vithal urged the elimination of commercial safeguards. It had been stated that those safeguards were necessary because India was a debtor nation. Now, that India was a creditor nation, Sir Vithal said that those safeguards should be done away with. He agreed with Sir Ardeshir Dalal that a solution of the problem should be sought in a spirit of mutual co-optration and goodwill. Sir Vithal expressed apprehension in regard to the import of consumer goods. He denied that the Textile Control Board had been consulted about the import of ten million yards of fine cloth. Sir Vithal read out a communication he had received from the Chairman of the Textile Control Board in this regard and said six

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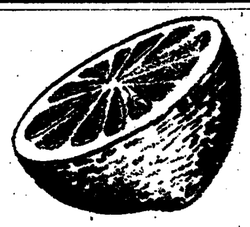

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A.-I. S. F. EAGER FOR UNITY AMONG STUDENTS

"Organisation Is Not A People's War Platform"

Satyapal Dang, General Secretary of the All-India Students' Federation, has issued the following statement to the Press:

The A.-I. S. F. has studied with care the statement released to the Press by Sjt. S. N. Agarwal on 13-3-45.

The A.-I.-S. F. shares his anxiety to unite the ranks of the students and welcomes his call that students' organisations should together do constructive work to serve the country. We hope that this call for joint work will receive a warm response from the leaders of the parallel students' organisations.

The A.-I. S. F. gave a similar call in its last Conference at Calcutta (28th February, '44) to all students and student organisations to jointly do famine ang epidemic relief work, promote friendly relations between different communities, fight illiteracy, save education from the effects of economic crisis etc.—in short, to jointly take up every form of constructive work that helps our people.

The A.-I.S. F. further invited students' organisations for joint action on all other commonly agreed aims such as the campaign for the release of the leaders, for the academic and civil liberties of students, etc. together with friendly discussion on all controversial issues as steps to forge all round students' unity.

However, Sjt. Agarwal's charge that the A.-I. S. F. is dominated by Communists and that its platform is used to popularise the 'People's War' slogan is completely baseless.

The A.-I. S. F. is a democratic organisation of various sections of students with various opinions on different questions including the question of the nature of the war. Members of the A.-I. S. F. are bound by common allegiance to a national policy of working for Congress-League agreement to secure the release of the leaders and win National Provisional Government which will take us forward to complete Independence.

In conclusion we reiterate our hope that the call for joint action will be responded to by the leaders of the parallel students' organisations especially the leaders of the All-India Students' Congress.

TWO MORE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED THEFTS OF TYRES

BOMBAY, Monday.

Two more men were arrested by the Gamdevi Police in connection with the alleged epidemic of tyre thefts. The accused are Sitaram Pandoo and Dattaram Gangaram who the police allege that they are connected with some other thefts also.

The accused are it is stated members of a gang operating in the City doing this skilful practice. Some more men are to be arrested and property to be traced.

Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court, before whom they were placed to-day ordered them to released on bail of Rs. 500 each or remanded in custody till March 23.

Wife On Charge Of Theft Of Husband's Property

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

For the alleged theft of Rs. 30,000 in cash and gold and jewellery valued at Rs. 1,000, Bibibai wife of Banarskhan was arrested by the police.

It was stated that the woman disappeared from her home at Arab Lane on the 14th along with the above mentioned property, all of which belonged to her husband, a rent farmer.

Later on she surrendered herself to the police, and stated that she was investigated to commit the offence by her aunt, one Hanifabai.

On her statement Jainabai, and Gawarabai and three others were also arrested as abettors.

All the accused were remanded into custody, by Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court, to-day.

Railway Tickets Banned For Pandharpur Pilgrims

In view of the food supply difficulties likely to be created by the influx of a large concourse of pilgrims for the ensuing Adhiki Fair at Pandharpur, which is a fully rationed town, the Government of Bombay has restricted the issue of rail tickets to pilgrims intending to travel to Pandharpur between March 21 and 25 (both days inclusive).

Persons proposing to travel by the G.I.P. Railway between Sholapur and Kurduwadi and via and between Diksal and Kurduwadi and via and also to stations on the Barsi Light Railway will not be carried on any railway between these dates unless the railway administration is satisfied that the persons are proceeding to any of these stations otherwise than for the purpose of taking part in the Adhiki Fair at Pandharpur.

PROTEST AGAINST CLOTH CONTROL ORDER

A conference of the representatives of the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce Ltd., The Hindustani Native Merchants' Association, The Bombay Shroff Association, The Bombay Commission Agents' Association, The Memon Chamber of Commerce, The Memon Merchants' Association and The Multani and Shikarpuri Shroff Association assembled under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Ismail, President of the Memon Chamber of Commerce, has unanimously passed the following resolutions protesting against certain provisions of the Bombay Cotton Cloth Trade Regulation Order 1945.

RESOLUTION NO. 1. This Conference is surprised that Bombay Government thought fit to issue the Bombay Cotton Cloth Trade Regulation Order without consulting the above-named Associations on its important provisions seriously affecting their Members contrary to previous practice, and lodges an emphatic protest against the most excessive licence fee of Rs. 500 prescribed for D class licences applicable to Commission Agents. In view of the unprecedented reduction in the volume of their business and increased maintenance cost of establishments, the prescribed fee is too heavy for the greatly restricted business to bear and will tend to oust a large majority of commission houses from their traditional business. The conference, therefore, strongly urges Government to reduce the licence fee to a nominal figure not exceeding Rs. 25 per license.

RESOLUTION NO. 2. Pending final decision on the question of licence fee [illegible] urges Government

KISANS TO PLEDGE REHABILITATION OF BENGAL

All-India Conference In Mymensingh Dist. To Chalk Out Policy

Preparations in large scale are proceeding apace for the 9th Annual Session of the All-India Kisan Sabha which will be held at Netrakona, Mymensingh District (Bengal) from April 2 to 9.

A large piece of land about 100 acres has been placed by the peasants at the disposal of the reception committee for the session which is expected to be attended by thousands of people. Three pandals will be erected, one for the session, one for the meetings of the A.I.K.C. members and delegates and the third for the exhibition of handiworks of Kisans and village craftsmen.

The Annual Session programme will be C. K. C. meeting on 2nd and 3rd A. I. K. C. meeting on the 4th, Subjects Committee and Delegates joint meeting on 5th, 6th and 7th, open session on the 8th and 9th and Cultural Shows on the nights 8th and 9th.

This Session in Bengal has a special significance for the Kisan movement and its object is to unite and organise the Kisans and rouse them with the fire of self-confidence. It is expected that about one lakh Kisans will rally during this Session In presence of leaders from All-India they will colemnly pledge themselves to rehabilitate Bengal, to build Kisan unity, to forge national unity and to win National Government.

INDIA TO MANUFACTURE 10,000 RADIO SETS A YEAR

BOMBAY, March 19. (U.P.I.)

It is learnt that about 10,000 radio sets will be manufactured in India per year in accordance with the scheme chalked out by a few leading industrialists of Bombay for radio manufacturing in India.

Although several component parts of radio sets will have to be imported from abroad at the initial stage, the manufacturing company includes in the project the manufacturing of these parts also gradually.

It is understood that if it is possible after meeting the requirements of India, the Indian-made radio sets, will also be exported to foreign markets, provided there is a demand for it outside. It is generally proposed to export sets to Iran, Iraq, Persia and to some parts of Africa.

Explaining the project, which is the first of its kind in India, Mr. V. G. Motwana, Vice-Chairman of the Radio Manufacturing Company, told the "United Press" that the radio sets to be manufactured in India would be as good as the foreign makes, if not better, and would be definitely sold at fifty per cent cheaper than the foreign radios. Mr. Motwana, it is stated, will shortly pay a visit to Britain or America to learn the special technical knowledge necessary for radio manufacturing and return to India by December to move seriously in respect of establishing a factory in the suburb of Bombay.

BRILLIANT DANCE PERFORMANCE

Shetty And Manorama Interest Audience With Lively Items

The dance performance held in the Sundarabai Hall on Sunday in aid of the Karnatak Education Society was much appreciated by the public.

The credit for the best items goes to Mr. K. K. Shetty disciple of Uday Shankar and Miss Manorama a young prodigy of 12 in dancing and Manir Kumar for his Manipuri Tandi dance.

Mr. K. K. Shetty's rendering of the "Harvest" dance evoked continuous applause from the audience. Miss Manorama ably accompanied by her teacher on tabla held the audience spell-bound by her lively and graceful dances. Among the troupe of Mr. Shetty who entertained the audience were Vikram Singh, J. N. Sharma, Revati, Pramila and Kusum.

Mr. Madan Shetty, President of the Nadava Sangh under the auspices of which the performance was held in his speech narrated the services of the Sangh and the Karnatak Education Society and appealed for funds to the Society catering educational service.

NEW PRACTICE

Bombay Municipality has it seems recently taken objection to the practice so far prevailing of not keeping buckets of sands in the shops selling motor oil.

To this effect it is reliably understood that Municipal Inspectors have visited many shops in the Lamington and Sandhurst Road locality to detect cases. Some persons are reported to have fined by the Honorary Magistrates to the tune of Rs. 30 to 50.

The new practice is contrary to that so far prevailing and there seems not to be sufficient notice of the Order to the shop-keepers selling motor oil.

Again it is known that motor oil is not as inflammable as motor petrol which has not so far come under the present restrictions.

ments to be submitted for Government's consideration, this Conference requests Government to postpone the date for enforcing the order for a minimum of three months viz: Upto the first July next. The Conference submits that any unnecessary haste or insistence on immediate compliance may aggravate the feeling of misgivings and injustice entertained about Government policy towards commission agents, as evidenced by recent restrictive orders and regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 3. The Conference expresses its opposition also to Clause 23 of the order which contemplates cancellation of licences in the event of business not being carried on for more than three months. As this Clause is apprehended to operate harshly and unjustly against commission agents and takes no account of numerous existing difficulties such as restriction on the movement of cloth the conference therefore strongly urges exemption of D class licences from operation of Clause 23 if its deletion is not immediately practicable.

These resolutions have been forwarded by Mr. I. Umashankar Dikshit, Secretary of the Marwadi Chamber to the Secretary to Government, Finance Department Bombay. The Provincial Textile Controller, The Textile Commissioner and the Indian Chan-

BOMBAY RACES

SPRING MEETING—6TH DAY—WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1945.

NOTICE — LAWN BADGES

Owing to limited accommodation in the Members' stand, the Committee have resolved that as from 27th January, 1945, Members be limited to the purchase of two Lawn Badges only for their guests for each Race day.

One per cent. Tote Commission will be donated to the Bombay War Gifts Fund from the racing public and the R.W.I.T.C. will contribute an equal amount from its funds.

All N.C.O.'s and men of H.M.'s and Allied Forces in uniform will be admitted to the 1st and 2nd enclosures at half price.

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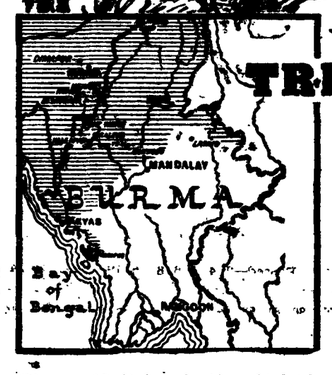

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CITY AND SUBURBS

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Sunrise: 7-44 a.m. Sunset: 7-50 p.m.
Highitide: 5-05, 18-26.
Lowtide: 11-32, 0-40.
Municipal Corporation 2 p.m. (B. T.).

Domestic Occurrences

DEATH

Mr. NAGINDAS GOKALDAS SHAH of Messrs. N. Gokaldas & Co., Building Contractors, expired on Monday, March 19 at 5-30 p.m. Uthamna ceremony at his residence, 114 V. Patel Road, Ranchhoddas Kanji Wadi, Oppo. P. O. on Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. (N.S.T.).

To-day's Engagements

TEA PARTY: Mr. Nagindas Master, Mayor of Bombay will give a tea party to-day (Tuesday), at 4 p.m. (B. T.), at Corporation Hall.

INDIAN MUSIC CIRCLE: Bai Rasoolanbai of Benares will entertain members with vocal music at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall at 10 p.m. to-day Tuesday.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: Weekly Luncheon Meeting to-day (Tuesday), at 1-30 p.m. Green's Hotel. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Rangoon will speak on "The World of the Future".

THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH: Monthly meeting of the Managing committee to-day (Tuesday), in the office of the Sangh at 7-30 p.m.

FAREWEL TO DR. SAVUR: A farewel party will be given to Dr. S. R. Savur by the Managing Committee of the Mogaveera Yuvaka Sangha to-day (Tuesday), at 7-30 p.m.

BIHARI ASSOCIATION: All Biharees residing at present in Bombay and its suburbs are requested to enroll themselves as members of the Bihar Association. Old members are requested to renew their memberships at their earliest. Any specific enquiry regarding the Association may be addressed to the General Secretary, 10, Vishrani Niwas Bhandarkar Road, Matunga, Bombay 19.

MUMBAI MARATHI GRANTH SANGRAHALAYA: Prof G. D. Parikh will deliver a public lecture on "A constitution for Free India" to-day (Tuesday), at 7 p.m. in the hall of the Mumbai Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya.

Address To Pandit Shanbhogue

The Goud Saraswat Brahman Sabha presented an address to Pandit Laxminarayan Shanbhogue, Vidyalankar at Khote Bhuvan Matunga, on Sunday, referring to his Scholarship in Sanskrit and knowledge of several Indian languages. Pandit Shanbhogue frequently speaks from the Bombay Station All-India Radio, in Kannada, on a variety of subjects.

Arrests For Alleged Thefts

BOMBAY, Monday.

Two men were arrested by the Gamdevi Police in connection with the alleged epidemic of tyre thefts. The accused are Sitaram Pandoo and Dattaram Gangaram, who, the police allege, are connected with some other thefts also. As some more men are to be arrested and property to be traced, Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court, before whom they were placed to-day, released them on bail of Rs. 500 each or remanded in custody till the 23rd instant.

Suspected of pick-pocketing a man in a moving tram-car with the help of one Taj F. Mohammad was placed before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court, to-day.

The accused was bailed out pending police investigations.

CITY FATHERS ADJOURN

BOMBAY, Monday.

On a motion by Mr. R. K. Tatnis, the meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation scheduled to be held to-day was adjourned.

It is understood that the motion was intended to be in honour of the memory of Mr. G. D. Savarkar who passed away at Sangli on Friday.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, MARCH 20.
— BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 ks/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Wamanrao Saoolikar. 8-45 Khairaon (Jaltarang). 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 Tomorrow. 9-15 Mulchand J. Nayak. 9-30 Amir Husain. 9-45 Ghazalen.

12-30 p.m. Bhavgeet. 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1 0 Music from Film. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 5-0 Japan Nu Arthic Bundharan: 5-15 N. D. Tambe Shastry. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Children's Half-Hour (G). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (G). 6-50 Music from Film. 7-0 Jeevan Ani Apaghat (M). 7-15 Tarabai Bharatpuri. 7-30 Mulchand J. Nayak. 7-45 Shreematibai Narwekar. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Tarabai Bharatpuri. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Answering You. 10-15 Henry Barnes: Tenor. 10-25 Interlude. 10-30 Mehli Mehta: (Violin). 10-45 Music of the Opera.

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PLAN FOR EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE CLOTH STOCKS

Provincial Textile Controller Explains Implications Of Bombay Cotton Trade Regulation Order

Mr. J. K. Thakore, Provincial Textile Controller, at press conference held on Monday afternoon explained the implications of the Bombay Cotton Trade Regulation Order which has been brought into force in Bombay city and the Bombay Suburban District and Ahmedabad from March 1.

The new order according to the Textile Controller will enable Government to exercise better control over the channels of cloth distribution. The number of licences will be substantially reduced and this is expected to lead to stricter control.

SHORTAGE OF CLOTH

The Textile Controller admitted that there was at present a shortage of certain types of cloth and this was particularly noticeable in the case of dhoties and sarees. There were also complaints that genuine customers were unable to obtain their requirements. It has therefore been decided that with a view to securing proper distribution of the available stocks of dhoties and sarees, these should be sold through the medium of Government approved cloth shops, which will sell one pair of dhoties and one pair of sarees to customers against the production of the foodgrain ration card of the head of the household.

For the present only one pair of dhoties and one pair of sarees will be issued once in six months against the head of the household ration card.

For obtaining sarees the foodgrains ration cards of the adult female members of the family must also be produced along with the ration card of the head of the family.

IT IS NOT RATIONING BUT CONTROLLED DISTRIBUTION

The Textile Controller emphasised that what was attempted under the above arrangement was merely controlled distribution of available stocks and not rationing and added that rationing could be undertaken only if adequate supplies were assured. The aim of the present experiment was limited to securing the distribution of available stocks to genuine consumers.

Nearly 5,400 bales of cloth are to be released during the month to the city and suburbs, out of which nearly 3,000 bales have already moved to the retailers.

Replying to questions, he stated that some mills refused to produce dhoties and sarees.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH

Results Of February 1945 Examinations

HINIDI BHASHARATNA

1st—Tukaram Sakharam Rane—Prize.
2nd—Gopaldas Karnadi.
3rd—Dattatraya Narayana Nadkarni and Narayana Dinkar Kotasthane.

HINDI UTTAMA

1st—Subhash J. Rele—Prize.
2nd—Vasanta Purshotama Baradkar—Prize.
3rd—Sowbagyavati Sushila Apte.

HINDI MADHAYAMA

1st—Sowbagyavati Saroj Joshi—Prize.
2nd—Eknath Damodar Bhave—Prize.
3rd—Krishna Nam Joshi—Prize.

HINDI PRATHAMA

1st—Kamal Pundalik Kamath—Prize.
2nd—Murlidhar Shantaram Pai—Prize and Kamagounda Satyagounda Patil—Prize.
3rd—Balachandra Vinayak Khare—Prize and Venkatesh Narayana Shahapurkar—Prize.

HINDI BHASHARATNA

1st Div.—No. 5.
2nd Div.—No. 3.
Passed:—4 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 15 17 18 25 26 27 30 31 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 & 42.

HINDI UTTAMA

1st Div.—Nos. 22 and 33.
2nd Div.—Nos. 3 7 13 32 and 60.
Passed.—2 4 5 8 11 14 15 16 18 20 23 24 26 28 29 31 34 35 36 37 38 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 50 51 52 57 58 61 62 63 65 68 72 73.

HINDI MADHYAMA

With Distinction.—Nos. 143 and 193.
1st Div.—26 51 82 126 and 191.
2nd Div.—12 13 17 26 31 53 72 91 94 138 and 168.

HINDI MADHYAMA

Passed—2 4 5 6 8 16 19 20 21 22 24 25 27 33 36 38 39 40 41 44 45 46 47 50 52 55 56 58 61 66 69 71 75 77 79 80 81 83 84 90 92 93 96 97 98 99 100 101 104 107 108 109 111 112 114 115 118 119 121 122 124 128 130 131 134 135 137 141 145 148 154 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 165 169 171 172 174 175 176 177 178 180 185 186 187 189 190 192 196 205 210 211 213.

HINDI PRATHAMA

With Distinction.—137 163 and 436.
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Under Consideration:—470 Ishwarnagar (Cutch) and 543 Khar.

MERCHANT'S SUIT DISMISSED

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Kania)

Messrs. J. Suresh & Co. Plaintiffs.
vs.
Messrs. Payne & Co., Exporters and Importers Defendants.

This was a suit to recover Rs 43,566-4-0 by way of damages for the breach of a contract to supply 20 cases of Nettle Fold Flat Head Iron Screws to the plaintiffs at Rs. 2-4-0 per shilling at Bombay.

The defendants denied that they had entered into a contract to sell those goods to the plaintiffs and alleged that the plaintiffs had merely to get the said gods sold as commission agents on behalf of the defendants. The defendants further alleged that all the goods in question had been frozen by Government on arrival at Calcutta. The defendants contended that they were not bound to send the goods to Bombay for sale.

His Lordship held that the correspondence showed that the plaintiffs were agents and not principals as they claimed to be, and that admittedly there was no undisclosed principal in this case. His Lordship held that Section 215 of the Contract Act had no application to a case like the present one where the agent himself attempted to enforce the transaction. Section 236 applied to such a case and was a complete bar to the agent ever suing the principal for performance of the contract on his own account. His Lordship therefore dismissed the plaintiffs' suit with costs.

Mr. J. H. Vakeel, Mr. R. S. Dikshit instructed by Messrs. Nandlal Patwari and Co. appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. K. A. Somjee, Mr. M. V. Desai and Mr. K. J. Khandalawala instructed by Messrs. Mazagaonwalla and Co. appeared for the defendants.

STOCKS OF 'GUR' ACCUMULATE

Govt. Decision To Relax Existing Orders

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:

The scheme of import of gur from the producing districas of Nasik, Ahmednagar, Poona, Sholapur, Satara and Belgaum into the deficit districts through the authorised wholesale importing agents in the deficit districts is not working satisfactorily and large stocks of gur have accumulated, thereby causing a slump in the price of gur in the producing markets. For speedy disposal of these accumulated stocks, the Government of Bombay has decided to relax the existing orders temporarily and to authorise the Collectors of the exporting districts to issue permits to sellers, on application to export gur on their account subject to the quota allotted to each deficit district. The application should contain the name and address of the person in the deficit district to whom gur has been sold.

Export permits will also be issued to commission agents in the surplus districts on their producing letters from stockists of gur authorising them to arrange export. The existing practice of issue of export permits to the merchants or associations authorised by the Collectors of the deficit districts to import gur into their districts will also continue.

Sadguru Shankar Manik Prabhu

A correspondent writes: Shree Sadguru Shankar Manik Prabhu took Samadhi on February 28, 1945, leaving behind his wife Laxmibai and son Shri Siddharaj. Shri Siddharaj, who is six years old, was appointed to the "gadi" by Sadguru Manikprabhu. Till Shri Siddharaj becomes major, Mr. Appasaheb Deshpande, the grandson of Shri Martand Manikprabhu, has been appointed as the guardian of the former to look after the management, etc., of the estate.

BENGALI SOCIAL DRAMA

The Calcutta Amateurs will stage "P. W. D." a Bengali social drama, at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, on Saturday, March 24, at 3-30 p.m. starring Nandy and Anddy songs by Miss Parul and Miss Arati Mulcherji. Tickets can be had from Mr. K. P. Mulcherjee, Kumar Mahal, Parel and Bengal Lodge.

Congress Constructive Work In City

Mr. S. K. Patil informs:

With a view to coordinate the various items of the Congress Constructive programme in the City of Bombay, the following four Organising Secretaries have been appointed. They will be in-charge of the activities entrusted to them. Congress workers desirous of engaging themselves in one or other items of the Constructive programme should get into touch with the Organising Secretary in-charge.

Organising Secretaries: Mr. Purshottam Thakkar, Dubash Lane, V. J. Patel Road, Bombay 4. Mr. K. S. Dharia, 40, Ridge Road, Bombay 6. Mr. Saad Ali, 33, Palli Hill, Bandra; and Mr. Bhanushanker Yagnik, Gulalwadi Bombay 4.

Bombay Hotel Keepers' Protest

A meeting of the hotel keepers of Bombay and suburbs was held on Friday under the Presidentship of Mr. Ramanlal. The meeting was largely attended by tea shop keepers and hotel keepers. Messrs. B. V. Tambe and Vyas were also present.

The meeting expressed grave concern over the Government's contemplated move to ban the service of tea and sugar decoctions outside the Hotel. The meeting further regretted the Government's refusal to accept the just and proper demands of the Hotel Keepers.

The meeting requested the representatives of the hotel trade on the Hotel Trade Panel of the Food-Advisory Council to resign their seats as the Government did not attach any importance to the advice of the trade.

MR. BUCHOME'S PIANOFORTE RECITAL

Mr. Buchome from Karachi made his first appearance in Bombay at a pianoforte recital at the Taj on Monday evening in aid of the R. I. N. Benevolent Fund.

His technique in Chopin's black key Etude in G. Flat was remarkable. Schumann's "Carnaval" was rather an ambitious selection, but Mr. Buchome managed it fairly well; he was quite good at Rachmaninoff, whose massive chords suited his style. He was at his best with Chopin, and played the Nocturne in F sharp with feeling.

Mr. Homi Kanga, a rising violinist, assisted at the recitals giving a very good rendering of Sarasate's "Gipsy Airs", a piece that bristles with technical difficulties.

Navroz Concession To Shopkeepers

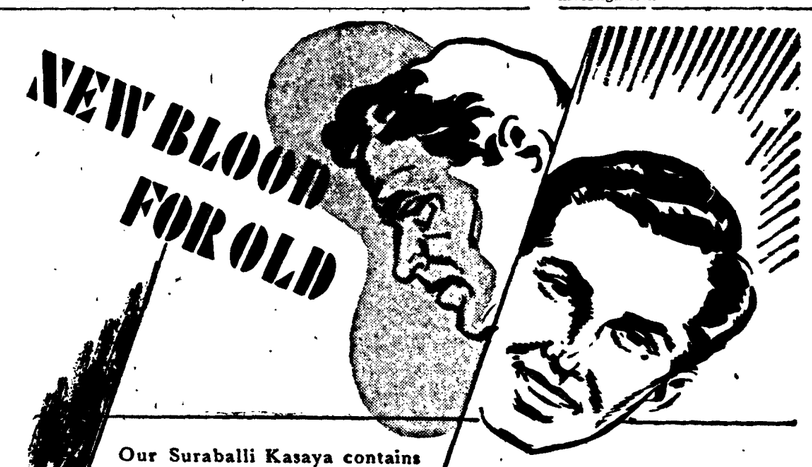
The early closing provisions of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Rules have been suspended by the Government of Bombay for Jamshedi Navroz, on March 20 and 21, for all shops and all eating houses employing not less than 10 persons. The concession applies to Bombay City, Poona City Municipal Borough, Poona Suburban Municipal Borough, Poona Cantonment, Ahmedabad Municipal Borough and Cantonment and Nasik Municipal Borough.

3 Arrested For Alleged Receipt Of Satta Bets

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Ramchandra Laxman, Yadav Omtar and Meghaji were placed before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court, today on a charge of receiving satta bets.

They were arrested below the Frere Bridge on Saturday evening by the General Branch C. I. D. Their bail period was extended pending police investigation.



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ESTD. 1943

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TRIPURA COTTON ESTATE, TIPPERAH.

Mill Site:—
GARIA, 24 PARGANAS.

Consent of the Central Government has been obtained for sale of shares amounting to

Rs. 29,00,000

Out of the above shares the Directors, existing shareholders and their friends have subscribed 1,000 Preference shares and 50,000 Ordinary shares and the balance shares are now offered for public subscription as follows:—
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For 1944 (interim) ----- 15%

OBJECTS:—

The Company has been formed with the objects set forth in the Articles of Association and Memorandum. In particular the Company has at present taken up Cotton Cultivation at a large scale and arranged to start Cotton Mills. Preliminary arrangements are being made for establishing cotton mills under the well planned scheme to start work with 400 looms and 16,000 spindles.

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The Managing Agents,
ORIENTAL COTTON CULTIVATION & MILLS LTD.
CALCUTTA.

Dear Sirs.

I/we beg to apply for Preference 100 / Ordinary 10 shares of Rs.——each and sent you herewith a remittance of Rs..... as application money and admission fee of Re. 1/- in the above Company and I/we request you to allote me/us that number of shares.

I/we hereby agree to accept the same or any less number that may be allotted to me/us subject to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company. I/we further agree to pay the balance share money as and when it may be called up.

Applicant's Name in full .....
Name of Father/Husband.....
Permanent Residence.....
Present Residence.....
Occupation.....
Dated——this——day of——194—

Yours faithfully,
Signature.....

Signature of Witness.....
Occupation.....
Address.....

Application forms may also be obtained from the Head Office.

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Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue of Capital, subject to the conditions that so much of the Capital as cannot in the Government's judgment be properly expended until some uncertain future date is invested and kept invested in the prescribed securities which will not be released until the Central Government, (in consultation with the Crown representative if any Indian State interests are involved), is satisfied that the time has come to make corresponding payments for purposes which are consistent with the enforcement of any measures of control or restriction that may be in operation at the time when such release is applied for. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The foundations of our national policy should be laid in private morality; if individuals be not influenced by moral principles, it is vain to look for public virtues.

—George Washington.

The Bombay Chronicle

WANTED A POLICY

The Government of India has been saying a great deal about post-war industrial development but has studiously avoided declaring anything like a definite policy about it. The adoption by the Central Assembly of the Muslim League's motion reducing to one rupee the Budget demand under the head Post-War Planning and Development and Planning indicates the Assembly's utter lack of confidence in Government's attitude in this behalf. Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari voiced public opinion accurately when he said that the second Report of the Committee of Reconstruction was "not worth looking at". Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Member for Development and Planning, spoke at some length on certain constitutional aspects of planning and on certain irrelevant points about his critics in the Congress and the League but did not clarify Government's policy with regard to planning. To ensure a sound policy acceptable to the people the Assembly had passed a resolution in November last urging Government to associate non-official members of the Assembly with planning work. But Sir Ardeshir misrepresented the resolution as implying that the Legislature was taking upon itself executive functions "which belonged to no legislature in the world." But surely the Legislature which has to vote supplies can have a part in laying down a general policy, leaving it to the executive to work out its details. The absence of any definite policy about development was admitted by the Finance Member himself when he said in his Budget speech with reference to the postponement of negotiations regarding the sterling balances, "In view of the lack of definition at this stage of our own development programme I do not think that the delay should be prejudicial to India's interests". So the absence of a definite programme, itself an evil is regarded as a valid excuse for the postponement of the negotiations about the balances, another evil. This is most unsatisfactory.

The position is viewed with grave misgivings by Indian businessmen. One of the resolutions adopted by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry at its recent session at Delhi adopted a resolution inviting the attention of Government "to the growing anxiety in the commercial and industrial community of India with regard to the absence of a well-defined policy relating to all-round industrial development of the country" and urging Government, among other things, to make an early declaration of its policy in respect of the role of the State in future, and the measure and extent of protection to be extended against internal and external competition to Indian industries. Some such declaration is absolutely necessary in view of the probable post-war slump as a reaction to the war boom. It is true that Sir Ardeshir Dalal has given several assurances about industrial development. But they may turn out to be wishful thinking unless endorsed by a definite declaration of policy by the Government of India. As earnest of the future carrying out of a big programme a beginning needs to be made straightway.

It is, however most disconcerting to be told by the Finance Member that post-war development must mean and must continue to mean post-war development and by no magic or optimism can it be made to mean "war-time development." It is well-known that in several free countries Government has seized the war-time opportunity to lay the foundations of post-war development. For instance in moving the Federation's resolution mentioned above Mr. G. L. Mehta quoted the Australian Premier who said as far ago as in 1941: "In the very carrying of the burdens we are laying industrial foundations, opening up new resources, acquiring new skill and experience paradoxically enough, our war needs are likely enough in many ways to provide our peace opportunity". And referring to the actual progress made in war-time development Mr. Mehta pointed out how Australia built up steel and air craft and how Canada has made itself "the second country in the world in the building of cargo ships, fourth among world's air powers and the third trading nation in the world". But India tells a story of missed opportunities. And Government's failure to declare its policy for the immediate future may mean our losing several more opportunities. Sir Ardeshir Dalal must be up and doing in spite of quite understandable delay tactics on the part of vested interests—British and Indian.

Frankly Speaking

Franco's Manoeuvres

When he realised that his patrons, the Axis Powers and their Allies were doomed beyond hope, General Francisco Franco started thinking of saving his own skin, as it were. He begun tentative approaches to the other side which were a mixture of flattery and protestations of his own innocence. He even went so far as to urge that his own regime, which he was formerly proud to regard as modelled on Nazism and Fascism was really democratic—with but a slight variation on the orthodox conception of it. The response was not conducive to his instinct of self-preservation. He attempted more approaches. Their result too was no more satisfactory. In fact he had to endure a rather unexpectedly blunt rebuke from Mr. Churchill. But the Caudillo is evidently not finished yet.

Election Shots in Britain

Mr. Churchill's electioneering speech as leader of the Conservative party has brought forth two sharp rejoinders. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, leader of the Parliamentary Party has denounced as "misleading and mischief-making" the Premier's statement about "socialists having committed themselves to a programme of nationalisation to the disgust of some of their leaders". It was certainly intended to create dissensions in Labour ranks, but a reply to the Premier is, we think, called for from Messrs. Attlee, Bevin and Morrison. The other retort comes from Mr. Shinwell who has given the right lead as regards the issues at the election. He has declared that at the election the issues will not be Mr. Churchill's services as war leader but his record before the war and in particular his association with a party whose primary purpose is a return to unlimited private enterprise which they pretend means more liberty, but which means the right of a few to rob the rest of the community. An interesting and exciting fight has thus begun. And we hope the news agencies do not let us down.

Russia And Port Arthur

According to the United Press of India "Russian reports reaching London via Washington" suggest that while Marshal Stalin will not renew the neutrality pact with Japan, it is too premature to expect that he would follow the renunciation of the pact with a declaration of war. Unless the war situation in Europe fails to develop as Allied commands now confidently hope, we believe that Marshal Stalin will declare war on Japan as soon after the expiry of the pact as is militarily possible. Russia has a stake in the Far East and it is too vital for Marshal Stalin to sit idly by and see his Allies defeat Japan without his own participation. But what about Port Arthur? We recall that the Moscow Press not very long ago did hint at Russia's right to it. This right can only be justified on the ground of Czarist Imperialism. Port Arthur is in Manchuria and by no stretch of imagination can it be described as anything but a Manchurian port. And Manchuria belongs to China. In fact, America and Britain have already given a guarantee to that effect. And Marshal Stalin knows it.

Japan Denounced!

Impelled by the growing threat to his regime Franco is resorting to progressivtly more disingenious methods. The most striking is his sudden denunciation of Japan. His Press and Radio have just discovered that they are shocked by Jap outrages in the Philippines especially against people and institutions in which Spain is historically interested. The Franco who proclaims himself so deeply outraged to-day is the same man who congratulated the puppet regime in the Philippines on its being set up by the Japs in the days when the Caudello was dreaming dreams of Fascist victories in the world and hoping to share in their fruits. And the Franco who is shedding angry tears and calling on the world to witness Japanese atrocities is the same man who during the civil war and after, had committed worst outrages against his own Spanish fellow-countrymen inside Spain. But he must do everything however blatant in the attempt to save his Falangist dictatorship. And we should not be surprised if he actually declared war on Japan as a brilliant manoeuvre to qualify for a seat on the Allied victory wagon. The manoeuvre will fail. That is certain. But the time has come for the Allies to do something about the Falangist regime in Spain. That outrage on the suffering people of Spain has lasted too long now.

"WHITHER INDIAN INSURANCE"

I have read with a keen interest Mr. D. V. Patel's letter in your journal wherein he makes certain observations with most of which I am in full accord as they represent views expressed by my Association on various occasions. There are some other statements made in the letter, however, which appear to be based on incorrect or insufficient information. In view of the importance of the subject at the present juncture when the Insurance Act Amending Bill is before the Legislature, I have to encroach on the hospitality of your columns to correct the same as under:—

It is not at all clear how and why without any context Mr. Patel has suddenly touched the question of Chief Agencies while he was really discussing the meritorious work of the Agents unless it be that the Chief Agent is his pet aversion. However, that may be, his statement that Sir N. N. Sircar in 1937-38 had to choose between excluding any restriction on commissions payable to Chief Agents and dropping the entire Bill is not true. That situation was stated to have arisen in connection with another clause of the Bill as can easily be verified. The question of limiting Chief Agency commissions was fully considered by the legislature and was found impracticable and so dropped. That is the position even to-day.

Mr. Patel says 'while the small Agent has been handicapped in many ways, the Chief Agents get away scot free and have been fattening at his expense'. Until Mr. Patel explains how the Chief Agent has been fattening at the Agent's cost, it is difficult to meet his arguments if any in support of this rather surprising statement, but I can state without any fear of contradiction that the Chief and Special Agents' Committee in 1937-38 and thereafter our Association has been the only body consistently to advocate and press for a total removal of any restriction on Agency commissions and a liberalisation of the conditions governing the payment of renewal commissions to Agents. That this is our attitude even to-day will be clear to you from the following resolution which was unanimously passed at a General Meeting of our Association held at Bombay last month:—

"This Association has carefully considered the proposals made by the Select Committee for the reduction in the maximum rates of commissions payable to licensed Agents. It is the considered opinion of the Association that the proposed reductions in the Agency commissions are altogether unjustified, unpractical and unwarranted in the conditions obtaining in this country. It, therefore, requests the Government and the Superintendent of Insurance not to proceed with the said proposal. Further, in pursuance of the declared view of this Association that there should be no Governmental interference with the details of the administration of Life Offices in India, it urges on the Government of India to bring forward a measure for the deletion of Section 40 (2) altogether and so leave the Insurers free to regulate their Agency commissions according to their own circumstances and so as to fit in with their general scheme of organisation. In view of the declared intention of the Government to fix the expense ratios for Life Offices, there should hardly be any objection or opposition to this suggestion. Far from sharing the fear expressed in some quarters that such a measure would lead to extravagance, this Association is strongly of the opinion that it would lead to a more economical and harmonious field of organisation".

With all respect to Mr. Patel's experience and business acumen, Sir, I wish to say that it is absurd to talk in terms of different interests having to take turns in getting statutory restrictions. You cannot in one breath protest against Governmental interference and then turn round and allocate the turns for being the objects of such interference. Why does Mr. Patel not courageously join us in trying to get rid of all administrative controls and restrictions from the Life business retaining only a fundamental control in the shape of a close scrutiny of valuations of companies by the Superintendent of Insurance who has or must have the power to compel erring insurers to keep to the straight path? That will automatically bring relief to the Agents.

Mr. Patel's statement that one of the objects of the Amending Bill was to 'prevent anybody who could just name two dummy Agents from being styled as Special Agent and thus escape the limitation of commission' is not true. There was or is no such provision in the Amending Bill though I would like to mention that my Association is in full sympathy with this objective and has often made representations to the Government to incorporate in the Act a suitable definition of 'Chief Agent'. It is true that the Government have now and again been egged on by some interested but influential and resourceful parties ever since 1937 to bring forward legislative proposals for the restriction of commissions payable to Chief Agents, but they have met with no success so far. Sir, this is neither the place nor the time for me to go into the merits of this question, but I shall quote from the memorandum recently issued by that veteran Actuary and Insurance Man, Mr. Jones under whose care and guidance the company which Mr. Patel is now privileged to serve has risen to its present unrivalled position. Mr. Jones says:—

"There is some force in the argument that the remuneration to Chief Agents should not be statutorily limited unless Branch expenses also are limited at the same time".

Mr. Patel is quite right in saying that Mr. Jones has done a distinct service to the Agents by espousing their cause. I go a step further and say that by a very lucid and courageous expression of their views. M/s. Jones and Srinivasan have rendered a distinct service to the cause of Indian Life business as a whole and it may turn out that in times to come, we shall have a very good reason to think of them with gratitude as persons who saved Indian Life Assurance business from being plunged into chaos by a very hasty and ill conceived piece of Legislation. N. M. JALUNDHWALA,
President,
The All-India (Life) Chief Agents' Association.

Plans To Remedy Acute Cloth Shortage

BETTER INDUSTRIAL DRIVE SHOULD BE LINKED WITH POPULAR SUPPORT

By Sheth Vadilal Lallubai

It is an undeniable fact that looking to the needs of the people there is acute shortage of clothing in India at this moment. Whatever may be the reasons for the same, they are not clear to the lay mind.

From the figures given, it would appear that Indian mills at present produce about 480 million yards of cloth and handlooms another 120 million. The figures include all varieties of cloth. Out of these, exports and the Government requirements account for about 120 million yards. It may be that the rich and higher middle class people do not feel the shortage of cloth. But large masses of people which include the lower middle class are daily crying for more cloth at cheaper rates.

THE PROFITEERS

The Government has established a Control Board. Government is trying to help larger production of cloth. It has been making attempts for better distribution of cloth. The Government machinery has been working for a considerable time with not much appreciable result. The millowners according to their statement are doing their level best for the largest production of cloth. The results showed by the textile mills so far as profits go are very satisfactory.

According to the lay people, three things seems to be satisfactory:—

(1) Huge profits of textile mills;
(2) Huge amounts taken by Government in shape of taxes; and
(3) Huge profits made by persons operating in black markets.

As against the satisfaction of these parties the appeal of the poor for more cloth to cover their bodies remains piteous, and in some cases heart-rending. Many suggestions from time to time are being made by millowners, by Government, and by other people either for larger production or for better distribution or for lessening the evil effects of the black markets. Big Government officials and prominent millowners issue statements, and some times even make promises to remove this public hardship, but so far as the man-in-the-street is concerned he has remained in the same woeful condition.

DRIVE FOR MORE PRODUCTION

I am not going to suggest what a National Government can do, what can be done by the philanthropically-minded millowners or what can be done if there is moral drive to do away with the immoral traffic in black market. I propose to deal with the question in a concrete way by offering certain suggestions to Government and to the Textile Control Board, and if both these bodies take action on the basis of these suggestions, I am sure, the sufferings of the poor can be alleviated, if not completely removed.

My suggestions are;—

(A) That the production of mills should be increased; Instead of 480 million yards of mill production, India should produce 600 million yards or more, and that too of stronger varieties, on the basis of the following suggestions.

(B) The production of very fine cloth should be reduced, and of less fine and a little coarser kind of cloth should be increased for the following reasons:—

(A) Finer the yarn, the more the turns to be given, and so less yardage and poundage in yarn is produced per spindle correspondingly.

(B) Fine cloth requires more Reed and more Picks.

(C) Coarse counts require less Reed and less Picks.

(D) Fine count yarn is less in strength.

(E) Coarse count yarn is more in strength.

(F) Every Mill must be compelled to go at least 20 p.c. coarse to begin with. To go more coarse, would entail difficulties in the Frame Department. However, it is possible to produce more poundage in the Frame Department to a certain extent. The position differs in different Mills but we can easily count that 20 p.c. heavier rovings can be spun on an average. This percentage can be increased later on.

(G) The present system of producing cloth is to have warp coarser and finer weft, and so there is double disadvantage in the production of cloth—(1) strength of the cloth is lessened weft-ways, (2) unnecessary more Picks have to be given. This should be avoided by giving coarser weft than warp from the same cotton mixings or better mixings so as to give a much stronger weft than now, in such proportion as would make the strength of the cloth distributed in warp and weft both ways, so as to make the cloth durable to the utmost limit. Using better mixing would also help producing further coarser rovings and so extra poundage. This should be planned by scientific testing of different cloths selected for mass production. This will help in revising the specifications of the cloth in the direction of coarser weft with lesser picks than at present, and still improving the strength of the cloth. This will give us more yardage and more stronger cloth.

(H) In certain qualities of cloth, unnecessary heavy Reed is given which is a waste of yarn. This should be stopped.

(I) Width of cloth should be standarised to stop waste in unnecessary wide cloth.

(J) Today, thousands of sorts are allowed to be manufactured. This should be standardised into a few sorts on mass production with standard specifications and standard counts. This will increase productions and improve quality and strength. Unnecessary width of cloths also will be eliminated.

(K) Instead of producing several counts, counts should be standardised for each Mill. Standard counts should be laid down from which the Mills can select, and no latitude in producing finer or coarser than the counts laid down, should be given.

3. There are many mills which are not working nightshifts. The causes of their not working should be investigated. These mills should be encouraged and if necessary compelled to go in for doubleshifts. The tax allowance for depreciation and profits are such that some very old mills have no interest in producing more cloth, because if they run double shifts, they think they will be the losers by deteriorating the machinery to a very great extent. Whatever proper inducements they require should be given to them for increasing their shifts.

4. Hand spinning and weaving should be encouraged by a very large grant of several crores, and popular support for such production should be obtained. This will give an additional income to several thousands of needy persons and conduce to larger production of cloth by the poor and for the poor. In the scheme for distribution, help and guidance should be obtained from popular agencies and not of interested persons only. The more the Government obtains the help of the people in the matter of such vast importance to the people, the better for the Government and for the people.

NEED FOR POPULAR SUPPORT

I am putting these suggestions before the Government, the Textile Control Board, the millowners and the public for consideration. I suggest in short.

(1) Larger production of cloth by the Textile Mills with the co-operation of the Millowners and the Government, Government giving all facilities for larger production.

(2) Larger control and directions of Government for production and distribution.

(3) Larger employment of popular support in the matter of distribution of cloth, and (4) Spending several crores through popular agencies for production of larger quantities of cloth by hand spinning and hand weaving.

I am willing to discuss this matter with all those who are in a position to think concretely in a disinterested way or are in a position to take effective steps to remove the acute shortage of cloth causing immense distress to the poor classes of the population.

KIDNAPPER WANTED BY POLICE

KAUTIK alias SHANKER S/O RAMBHAU alias DHAKU Hindu, aged about 30, height 5' 3", medium build oval face, dark unkempt heir, drooping moustache, a scar on left cheek, generally wears dhoti, coloured shirt and a coat, is wanted by the Bhoiwada Police on a charge of kidnapping two girls and theft of two pairs of ear-rings from their persons. Kautik has a long criminal record and is adept at this type of crime. Possessed of a plausible tongue, he approached a girl of 7 years and her younger sister returning home from school, claimed acquaintance with her father and on the pretext that he would give them some toys, asked both the girls to accompany him to the market. On the way, he volunteered to carry the younger girl in his arms and led the other girl by the hand. After taking them to a lonely place, he removed the ear-rings of both of them and disappeared. Any information regarding the "wanted" man should please be given to the Bhoiwada Police through Tel. No. 39811, (Ex 261)—"Police News"

Our Readers' View

Royal Indian Air Force

With reference to the news published in the newspapers through the Associated Press from New Delhi dated March 11, 1945, regarding "King's Recognition of Fine Work" of the above. I would like to say that the suggestion of the designation of "Royal", to the Indian Air Force, originated from a member of the Bombay War Gifts Fund Committee, and immediately our Chairman Sir Homi Mehta, personally contacted their Excellencies the Governor of Bombay and the Viceroy of India, and impressed upon them the necessity of conferring this distinction on the Indian Air Force too, when the Indian Navy, Canadian Air Force, Australian Air Force etc. have got the prefix "Royal." Our Chairman was assured by His Excellency the Viceroy that he would get into touch with His Majesty's Government and do everything possible for this distinction to be conferred on the "Indian Air Force."

This note is written in the belief that the people of this country would be glad to know that it is as a result of the efforts of the Chairman of the Bombay War Gifts Fund Committee, that the designation of the "Indian Air Force", has been changed to "Royal Indian Air Force", by His Majesty's Government. It may be noted that the Bombay Province has provided through the Bombay War Gifts Fund a Squadron of Planes to the R.I.A.F. costing Rs. 30 lacs.

MANI H. MEHTA.
Jt. Hon. Secretary,
Bombay War Gifts Fund.

Parle-Andheri Municipality

The Combined Municipal Board of Vile Parle and Andheri was uptill now composed of an equal number of representatives from each suburb, but as a result of representation by the municipal members of Andheri, the Government have now decided to allot 16 seats to Andheri and 13—original number—to Vile Parle. The decision is unjust and arbitrary.

The Government's decision is based on the recommendations of one of the two members of a Committee appointed by the Municipality to frame rules for the ensuing elections in April inspite of and against the report of the other member who favoured equal representation. The only ground for greater representation to Andheri is the increase in its population calculated from the number of rationing cards issued.

The residents of Vile Parle held a public meeting and strongly protested against the Government's decision pointing out that (1) the number of ration cards is no index of the size of the population and (2) the influx in Andheri is the result of war-time factories and workshops cropping up round about the town and people of neighbouring villages migrating to Andheri to avail of rationing facilities previously not available in the villages This protest however, has been ignored by the Government.

The new voters' list prepared under the Government's own supervision has knocked the bottom out of the representation of the Andheri citizens and the Government's decision. The final figures are 10,266 voters in Vile Parle against 9,278 in Andheri. Thus with nearly 1,000 voters on the list less than Vile Parle, Andheri will have 16 seats and per-

(Continued in Column 7)

TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA

No Classless Society: Deplorably Bourgeois Attitude Towards Remuneration: Signs Of Anti-Semitism

Stephen King-Hall Speaks Out

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 19.

Commander Stephen King-Hall, M.P., does not agree with Col. Walter Elliot that Parliamentary delegates to Soviet would gag themselves in favour of a joint statement after their return. So in his own weekly newsletter, Commander King-Hall gives his own version of the Russian trip. Outstanding in his commentary is the statement that M. Stalin said: "Tell the truth about Russia when someone from the delegation said "We shall give a good report." M. Stalin answered "Why only good? Everything is not good in Russia. Tell good and bad." The Commander says: "One of bad things of Russia by the British standards of goodness and badness is the Marshal, probably the only man in Russia who can speak as frankly as that."

King-Hall sums up that Russians are merely ordinarily human beings, who subject to local influence of Russian historical tradition and racial characteristics react to modern circumstances in the ordinary human way. King-Hall claims the delegation were shown everything they wanted to see not what Russians wanted them to see.

NO CLASSLESS SOCIETY

King-Hall says Russia is not a classless society. Russians do not pretend it is. Special classes can be broadly catalogued as follows: (1) Officers of the armed forces. There are about 10,000 Generals. (2) Bureaucrats and officials of which there are many. (3) Technical men and women. (4) Heads of factories etc. (5) Artists, writers, composers and singers. (6) Professors and teachers. (7) Rich peasants and rich workers. (8) Officials of the Communist Party. (9) Foreigners including diplomats and journalists.

King-Hall thinks these classes will increase and it will soon be necessary to add as (10) Ecclesiastical dignitaries of the Orthodox Church.

The Commander was amused at his own assertion that all these classes are on various levels and there has been a veritable outburst of medals, orders and decorations. At present there are 48 the most recent being "Order of mother heroine of the Soviet Union" with a qualification of eleven or more children.

King-Hall adds Russian birthrate is now the highest in Europe and orders of decorations which are worn in public carry with them various privileges in the class of that kind.

DEPLORABLY BOURGEOIS

He adds: The attitude of Russians towards the question of remuneration for work performed is to my way of thinking deplorably bourgeois and the naked worship of the theory of personal profit. Education is free in the Universities but the living allowance or stipend, as it is called, depends on the number of marks the students get at examinations. I met a composer who was equivalent of K.B.E. in artistic order. This carried a cash payment of 50,000 roubles. He received 25,000 when his opera was completed. Then he got a percentage."

This composer told King-Hall that if his works were played all over Russia he would become a millionaire but would have to invest his money in State loans of about 3 per cent interest. He would receive an income from investments and could leave the capital for his children who would be taxed on income from the capital at his death.

Commander King-Hall adds peasants from collective farms can sell anything above their quota at free prices in the open market. He says Russia is more bourgeoise in this respect than Britain, where none is allowed to sell any surplus from his farm at free prices.

King-Hall adds the Red Army officers' pay is better than the British rate. They go to Moscow on leave full of cash and blow it in at gala evenings at the huge Government-owned night club. You can spend hundreds of oubles for a meal at the so-called commercial restaurant, whereas ordinary meals for workers are very different.

GODLESS MUSEUM

At Leningrad, King-Hall wanted to see the godless museum but it had been closed.

The new Archbishop of Moscow was enthroned while he was there. The proceedings were broadcast. In Baku a mosque and synagogue of the orthodox Church are being reopened.

ANTI-SEMITISM TOO

King-Hall concludes: "I have obtained information which convinced me in Russia especially in the Ukraine, that there are signs of a certain amount of anti-semitism. This is but another of the countless indication of the whole trend of Russian evolution back towards modernised version of the traditional Russian Nationalist State."

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW YORK March 18 (Reuter): Sirdar J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America, made public a statement by Mr. Rajagopalachariar criticising the appointments of India's delegates to the San Francisco Conference and calling for its reconsideration.

Sirdar Singh said that the statement "was made four days ago but so far it had been suppressed."

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Hon'ble Lala Ramsaran Das, Chairman, Liberal Conference, Reception Committee, expressed regret that Mahatma Gandhi had not been invited to the San Francisco Conference.

But good heavens, do they want that beautiful Palace of Illusions to be destroyed completely?

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Sir Cowasji Jehangir said India was unanimous on demanding the recall of the High Commissioner in South Africa and adopting sanctions against that country.

That's precisely why the Government of India felt completely justified in adopting the opposite course.

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Mr. Burjor Shroff, another Liberal from Bombay, declared that "the British Government had locked up its conscience by locking up the Congress leaders in jail".

Conscience? What is conscience?

What WAS Mr. Shroff talking about?

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The Foreign Policy Association of America predicts in a survey that Britain "may be expected to pursue the balance of power concept in Asia with respect both to the United States and Russia".

We shall follow the speeches and contributions of Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Sir Firoz Khan Noon with keener interest as instructive pointers.

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According to a Peshawar message, twenty-two security prisoners have been released within two days of assumption of office by the Congress Ministry.

There is, however, no truth in the suggestion that Sardar Aurangzeb Khan is about to issue a statement on behalf of himself and the Muslim League explaining—well, what can't be explained.

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Nor is it anything but anti-Muslim League malice and hostility for any one to expect that Sir Md. Saadullah of Assam will follow the example of Sir Ghulam Husain of Sind (let alone Dr. Khan Sahib) and release the six Congress M.L.A's.

Any such suggestion would palpably amount to an effort to destroy the popular democratic, constitutionally functioning Muslim League Ministry in Assam.

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Answering London Pressmen as to why it never criticised Russian policy while talking of Freedom of Press the Editor of Moscow's "War and Working Class" explained: "It is necessary to keep in mind that there is no fundamental difference between our people and the state....."

Sh—sh—don't let us give it that other name even though this "new (!) historical fact" is really difficult for us to understand.

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A United Press of India despatch says that in Washington's opinion, Russia will possibly not declare war on Japan because she can easily get back Port Arthur otherwise too.

Now where and what is Port Arthur?

Yes, we remember. It is a port at the South-Western tip of Chinese Manchuria.

The rest of what we want to say we had better forget.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Few people are as smart as other people think they are.

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The man who knows enough to attend to his own business knows enough.

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A man isn't necessarily bashful because he declines to meet his obligations.

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Let a poet write a rich man's will and he cares not who writes the nation's poems.

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When some men start out to look for the deserving poor, their first stop is in front of a mirror.

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The less a wife tries to manage him the better she will manage to get along with the household freight payer.

AGA KHAN AT NAIROBI

NAIROBI March 19 (Reuter):
The Aga Khan reached Kisumu by air from Cairo yesterday and is due at Nairobi by road to-night. There will be an official reception to-morrow. A big house in the select European district of Karen will be his headquarters during his Nairobi visit which is expected last at least six months.

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haps even 17—since the Muslim seat is very likely to go to Andheri looking to the strength of the Muslim Leaguers in Andheri—against Vile Parle 13. In other words, Andheri will have one seat for every 570 voters while Vile Parle will have to be satisfied with one seat for every 820 voters. The injustice to the citizens of Vile Parle is thus evident.

VIRCHAND SHETH.

Assembly Questions

No Ban On National Flag Or Independence Day Celebration

Provincial Govt.s Free To Decide Their Action: Decision To Transfer Congress Prisoners Taken By Govt. Of India, Says Home Member

NEW DELHI, March 19 (A.P.I.): The members of the Congress Working Committee did not ask to be transferred and the decision to transfer them was taken by the Government of India, said the Home Member, Sir Francis Mudie, in reply to Mr. T. S. Avanasilingham Chettiar in the Central Assembly today. The Home Member added that he had so far received no information that any of the transfers had taken place.

Replying to the same member on the attitude of the Government of India over the Independence Day celebrations and on the point whether any of the Provincial Governments had consulted the Central Government over the attitude to be adopted by them in that matter, the Home Member said: "There has from time to time been correspondence between the Government of India and Provincial Governments on the question of the attitude that they should adopt towards the celebration of "Independence" Day.

INDEPENDENCE DAY ECHO

The present position is that Provincial Governments are free to decide on their own line of action in this matter. The early attainment of Independence for India is the declared policy of His Majesty's Government and no inference to the contrary can be drawn for any action that any Provincial Government considered it necessary to take in any particular case in discharge of their responsibility for the maintenance of law and order."

Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar: Are Governments aware that many Governments have taken action against the celebrations?

Home Member: Presumably they have taken action in discharge of their responsibility for the maintenance of Law and Order.

NO BAN ON NATIONAL FLAG

To a further question by the same member regarding the ban on the "National Flag" Sir Francis said that as far as he was aware, there was no ban in the country regarding the flying of any particular flag. "I have no knowledge" he said "of any action that may have been taken on particular occasions or in particular places by provincial police."

A warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Asaf Ali was issued under the Defence of India Rules on March 13, 1943 and another order was issued on February 18, 1944, said the Home Member replying to Mr. Abdul Qaiyum. The questioner asked whether Mrs. Asaf Ali's mother died recently and she could not attend the funeral and whether Government contemplated cancelling the warrant of her arrest.

The Home Member replied that Government of India had no information, but was told that she died about a year ago. Government did not contemplate cancelling the warrant for her arrest.

Another question elicited information that Mr. Jai Prakash Narain's present companions were Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and one or two others. He had been allowed to get periodicals, books, newspapers as was allowed under the United Provinces Security Prisoners' Rules.

The Home Member's reply was "No" to a question whether the matter of putting up a case against Mr. Jai Prakash Narain had been finally decided.

WHY YACHT CLUB WAS NOT REQUISITIONED?

Mr. Manu Subedar asked a number of questions about requisitioning of Houses in Bombay.

Mr. Ramchandra Defence Secretary, stated that Government were satisfied that the action taken was within the powers conferred by the Defence of India Act. Unfortunately it was not always possible to avoid a certain measure of inconvenience.

Q: Is it a fact that 5,000 members of the civil population have been suddenly thrown out of their residences in Bombay during the last four weeks, including women and children, old and bedridden individuals and men directly or indirectly helping war effort?

A: So far as I am aware, no one has been suddenly thrown out of his residence. Wherever possible, only such accommodation is requisitioned as is vacant or used only partially or occasionally. In all cases sufficient time is given to the parties concerned to remove their personal effects.

WHY THIS DISCRIMINATION?

Q: Is it a fact that the Parsee, Hindu and Muslim Gymkhanas in Bombay have been requisitioned and acquired for military purposes, whereas the European Gymkhana, the Yacht Club and the Byculla Club have not been so requisitioned, and what are the reasons for this discrimination?

A. The Parsee, Hindu and Muslim Gymkhanas have been requisitioned because they comprised a large compact area on the reclamation facing the sea which was required for military needs. The other buildings referred to by the Hon. Member were not suitable for the purpose.

To a further question Mr. Ramchandra replied that a standing quartering board which would consist of civil and military representatives and also include non-officials was being set up in Bombay to consider questions of policy.

WOMEN CENSORS & SCANDALS

Mr. C. M. Trivedi, War Secretary, replying to Mr. Manu Subedar said that there were 1,090 women censors all over the country, consisting of Europeans 613, Domiciled Europeans and Anglo-Indians 278 and Indians 199. The total outlay on the censors' offices was Rs. 36,22,800 per annum.

Mr. Manu Subedar: Is it a fact that the women censors take personal letters between husbands and wives in this country and the United Kingdom and spread scandals?

The War Secretary said he was not aware that these censors spread scandals.

NO TRADE RESTRICTIONS?

The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, replying to Mr. Manu Subedar explained that the position in regard to trade transactions so far as the Eastern Group countries were concerned was that imports into India were not restricted by considerations of exchange nor they were all in the Sterling areas: And there was no hindrance on financial or exchange grounds to the needs of India being met by such exports as those countries were in a position to offer. Owing, however, to the pattern which the necessities of war had imposed on trade and such causes as shortages of supply and of shipping space, India had had a favourable balance of trade with those countries which they had not been able to meet by exports to India whether directly or indirectly. It was quite incorrect to suggest that Indian exports to those countries had helped the United Kingdom financially to increase its imports from them.

The credits resulting from India's favourable balance of trade, Sir Jeremy added, were held in the form of sterling balances in London and not separately in each country. There would be no advantage in following the latter course as the transmission of funds from one Sterling Area country to another was freely possible and the sterling in London could be transferred for payment to any other part of the Sterling Area as and when it was required.

NO RESERVATION OF GOVT. OF INDIA POSTS

Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar asked: What are the posts in the Government of India to which no Indian has been permanently employed till now; Is there any statutory reservation of any of these posts for Europeans; If so, what are those posts which are so reserved?

The Home Member Sir Francis Mudie: There is no statutory provision reserving any posts under the Government of India for Europeans.

Sardar Mangal Singh: Are there Indians in the cypher branch?

Home Member: Yes.

Prof. Ranga: Has there been any Indian as Finance Member or Home Member?

Home Member: There is no legal bar.

NOTHING KNOWN ABOUT LEADERS' TRANSFER

NEW DELHI, March 19. (A. P. I.)

There is no authoritative news here about the report from Ahmednagar stating that the members of the Congress Working Committee are to be flown to their respective provinces. It is learned that the Home Member has informed Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha Chief Whip of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly, that he knows nothing about this report.

Repatriated Indian prisoners of war from Germany, before disembarkation.

LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF INDIA, A DANGEROUS THING

NEW YORK, March 16 (Globe): Americans were bluntly warned in an address delivered in that "a little knowledge a dangerous thing." The address was given by Captain Peter Muir, an American, who commanded the first ambulance unit to be sent from America to France in this war. He later travelled 15,000 miles through India to gather material for his book, "This Is India."

In his talk, he said, "At a time when every effort is being made to attain the highest possible degree of understanding among the major Allied powers, a little knowledge of India is dynamite.

"Dr. Goebbels is using every trick in the bag to light the fuse." "If Americans are lazy and fail to inform themselves on both sides the Indian question they will succeed in driving an Indian wedge between the United States and our natural Ally, Great Britain."

He urged that propaganda in America that depicts India as in a state of seething chaos should be countered by the true facts. One of the important facts, suggested Captain Muir, relates to the extent of British investments in India. "The truth is that British commercial and industrial interests in India are less than similar British investments in Brazil, and less than half of the £500,000,000 sterling invested in the Argentine."

HILL'S MOVE TO END INDIAN DEADLOCK

LONDON, March 16. (U. P. A.): Professor A. V. Hill and his colleagues have approached the representatives of the National Executive of the Labour Party in order to establish whether or not a joint "demarche" can be made on Sir Mohammed Zafrullakhan's proposals and others of a similar kind, the United Press of America learned to-day.

A United Press of America political correspondent says that the Labour Party Conference decisions are being regarded as a salutary example of how things could be done. While Clement Davies' memorandum and other efforts have been made since Indian leaders were arrested and more vigorously since Gandhi was released, this appears now to be the first determined effort to get the prisoners released and negotiations for a settlement reopened.

Sir M. Zafrulla's proposals certainly upset official circles. In this connection, one observer mentioned to a United Press of America correspondent Lord Halley's surprise discomfiture when he learned of the proposals.

Sir M. Zafrulla's previous connection with the Simon Commission on the other hand, made some progressives nervous, but it was eventually accepted as a genuine attempt at severing the Gordian Knot.

These are the essential factors of the various endeavours: firstly, release the prisoners; secondly, an agreement on the time limit; thirdly, any kind of a solution, whether agreed or imposed.

The Labour Party and leftists are not prepared to accept the "end of the war with Japan" formula but, nevertheless, put the time limit for Indian agreements between six and twelve months from the release of the prisoners.

WILL JINNAH DO IT?

It appears there is some confidence here, says a United Press of America correspondent, that Mr. Jinnah, irrespective of his position within the Muslim League, would not fail to make a positive contribution and recognise other views besides his own.

It is learned that Prof. Hill's colleagues approached two Left-wing politicians with the suggestion that a joint move would force the Government to take action.

Since the Labour Party resolutions, there have been many discussions and conversations between Mr. Krishna Menon, representing the views of the Indian national movement, and different parties. He has been aided by members of the All-India Trade Union Congress delegation, whose nation-wide tours and lectures greatly increased the volume of public feeling for a settlement with India, the release of prisoners being the main point in their drive.

As a sequel to the various conversations it is proposed to send a delegation to India. Prof. Harold Laski's meeting with members of Parliament, Labour leaders and others, and a proposed joint meeting of the Administrative and Executive Committees of the Labour Party will likely direct an approach to Mr. Churchill.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

CALCUTTA, March 19.

The market opened steady and active after the week-end but eased off as the day progressed on selling pressure. Government securities were unchanged. Following are to-day's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1955/55 100/4 S Lot, three per cent Victory Bonds 1957 99/18, three per cent Loan 1966/68 98/7 three and a half per cent Government Paper 99/11, five per cent Loan 1945/55 102/7.

BANKS: Imperial Bank (Fully Paid) 1980, Reserve Bank 134/4.

COTTONS: Basanti 12/12 Elgin Mills 66/1, Kesoram 17/13, New Victoria Ordy 7/6 Bengal Nagpur 42/6 Muir Mills 434, New Victoria (Pref) 9/4.

COALS: Bengal 696, Bhalgora 20/6, Bokaro and Ramgur 48/8, Burrakur 42, East Indian 39/2, Ghusick and Muslia 16/4, Nazira 22/2, Ondal 22/11, Satpukuria and Asansol 11/4, Sendra 24/14, South Karanpura 30, Burra Dhemo 12/8, Dhemo Main 27/14, Equitable 68/8, New Beerbhoom 40/9, North Damuda 16/7, Pench Valley 53/8, Searsole 12/10.

JUTES: Anglo-India 463/8 Barnagore 225/8, Belvedere 533, Champdany 257, Chitavavsah 33/15, Howrah 87/13, Kamarhatty 684, Kankinarrah 575, Orient 272 S Lot Reliance 74/14 S. Lot, Auckland 337 S. Lots, Budge Budge 494, Cheviot 318 S. Lot, Megna 125, Nuddea 130 S. Lot, Presidency 12/7.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 5/10 Rhodesia Copper 2/6, Indian Copper 3/1, Tavoy Tin 2/15, Assam Bengal Cement 17/4, Dalmia Cement 17/4, Alkali and Chemical 28/4, Burnwaite and Co. 12/10, Indian Iron 39/11, Jessop and Co. 24/6, Kumardhubi Eng. 11/6 National Iron 12/6, Steel Corpn. 32/12, Aluminium Corpn. 16/2, B. I. Corpn. 6/10, Calcutta Trams 45/10, Indian Cables 29/12 (S. T.) Rohtas Industries 16/12, Spencer and Co. 14, British-Burma Petroleum 5/8, Orient Paper 30/12, Titagarh Paper 26/2 S. Lot Midnapore Zamindary 177, India General Navigation 190.

SUGARS: Belsund 15/15, Carew 27/9, Murree Brewery 27/12.

TEAS: Banarhat 916, Bishnauth 45/8, Central Cachar 126, Hantajara 820, Loobah 19/10, Rutema 19/10, Singell 107, Tellapara 628/8.—(A. P. I.).

IMPROVING WAGAD COTTON

An improved strain known as Wagator has been recently released by the Cotton Breeding Station, Viramgam, for multiplication and spread in the Wagad tract of over three lakhs acres in Ahmedabad District where a scheme for the improved Wagad cotton is financed jointly by the Indian Central Cotton Committee and the Bombay Department of Agriculture since May 1937.

Wagator cotton is a synthetic type derived from a back-cross, being the quality cotton of South Gujrat. This is superior to local Wagad in yield of Kapas per acre, ginning percentage and spinning capacity. It is further capable of spinning better than local Wagad.

Long stapled, silky, Close-Bell races of Iran outstanding Surtee Broach types and early cottons from Russia have been extensively used in crossing with suitable Wagad types since then. As a result of this work several promising types are now on hand. Experiments have shown that a cotton superior to Wagator would soon become available for the Wagad tract and which would be more profitable to grow.

KHANDESH COTTON BREEDING SCHEME.

One of the achievements of the Khandesh Cotton Breeding Scheme, which aims at increasing the ginning percentage of the prevalent cotton strain (known as Jarila), is that quality yield was produced. This was possible by hybridizing Jarila strain with a higher ginning cotton. The synthetic cultures so obtained are in their seventh generation this year. Results of the past three years show that three of the above cultures gave 2 to 4 per cent more ginning than Jarila and also appeared to be better yielders. Their trial on large scale in different places is under way.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS.

HAPUR, March 19.

Wheat 10 Dara Control 9/12, Stock 200 Khattis Gram 8, Stock 1 Khattis Barley 6/2 Peas Khatti 5/10, Arhar 6/14 Stocks unchanged, Maize 6/4, Bajra 7/8, Juar 7/4 Urd 14, Moong 11, Mustardseed 12, Oil 37, Cake 3/2 Retail 3/6, Gur 9/2, Raw Sugar 6/15/7-1/2, Futures steady on trade support Silver 127/11, Gold 71, Bardana 55/14, Guwar 6/15/7-1/2.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, March 19.

Cocoanuts Raw 85/8 Dry 78 Cocoanutoil 337/8 Copra Office 197/8 Dilpasand 212/8 Madrasnottam 217/2 Goodgooda 220 Pepper Wynaad 352/8 Country 345 Dryginger Chermad 230 Ernad 222/8 Coffee Robusta 83.

ASSAM TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of Assam Treasury Bills will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay and Calcutta, up to 11 a.m. on Monday, the 26th March. Successful tenderers will be required to make payment and take up their bills on Thursday, the 29th March.

BANKERS' CLEARING.

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 16-3-1945 were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 1,46,559.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 53,49,15,625-14-2.

INDIA'S CRICKET TEAM FOR CEYLON

Subbaroyan's Tribute To Merchant And Hts Scorers

MADRAS, March 18.

"We have got a number of young batsmen, capable of piling up big scores. Added to them are experienced men like Merchant, Hazare, Amarnath and Mushtaq Ali, each of them a host in himself", said Dr. P. Subbaroyan, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, in an interview to the Associated Press of India.

Dr. Subbaroyan said: "The Indian side going to Ceylon though not as strong as we might have made it, is still a very strong side capable of making large scores and getting the other side out cheaply. I am sure they will give a very good account of themselves. I would be surprised if they lost a single match. Our spin bowling with Nayudu and Sarwate is good enough to face most county sides in England. This is only a trial for building up a future All-India side. In Rangachari we have a good fast bowler, who puts his heart into his bowling. With the experience gained in this tour, he is sure to be an asset for a future India side. I trust our men will be good ambassadors in Ceylon and will cement the friendship between the two neighbours which is so necessary."

C. R. Patabhi Raman, Vice-President, Madras Cricket Association said:—"I wish the Indian team 'bon voyage.' As has been pointed out already it is time we stop referring to our side as an All-India team and call it the Indian team. I am sure the fundamental unity of our country will be truly demonstrated by the band of young men so ably led by Vijay Merchant. The Ceylon trip will tighten the many bonds of friendship between India and Ceylon. I am very glad indeed that a beginning has been made in the sending out of official cricket teams from India to Ceylon. It does not matter who wins or loses. I am sure Merchant's men will hold the flag to our motherland high in Ceylon."

Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, Honorary Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India said:—"We have been trying to arrange a tour to Ceylon for the last two years and we are happy that it has now materialised, thanks to the eagerness and willing co-operation of the Ceylon Cricket Association. Indian cricket is on the up grade and we expect to send our sides to Australia and England after the war is over. We are sure that this tour to Ceylon will help us to build the future Indian side."—A. P.

Quantum Of Cereal Ration Increased

From March 4, 1945 the Government of Bombay increased the quantum of cereal ration in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District from 1 paylee to 1 1/16 paylee per adult per week. Under the Essential Articles Restricted Acquisition and Possession Order a license is required to be taken for possession of any quantity of rice, wheat, bajri jowar or barley in excess of the normal quantity of such article admissible to any person. The normal quantity was calculated on the basis of 2 paylees against every foodgrains unit on the ration documents issued to the household or establishment of any person.

In view of the increase in the quantum of ration the normal quantity of any rationed cereal which a person can possess without obtaining a license would now be calculated at the rate of 2¼ paylees for foodgrains unit. License would still be necessary if the quantity possessed is in excess of the normal quantity calculated on the revised basis indicated above.

Convictions For Profiteering

A fine of Rs. 500 has been imposed on Pascel Jacinto for profiteering in Shavex tubes.

Among nine other convictions obtained in Bombay City during the week ended March 11 were the following: M. P. Asher and Tukaram Hari—fined Rs 80 and Rs. 40 for use of absentees' ration cards; K. A. Tasker—fined Rs. 50 for using two ration cards in his name; A. R. Abdul Samed and V. Jamaluddin—fined Rs. 150 and Rs. 60 for obtaining ration cards for minor children by giving false information and using them; Banibai Morarji—fined Rs. 30 for using ration card of servant not in Bombay; M. Gaya and P. Pakuram—fined Rs. 175 and Rs. 30 for profiteering in "pohas"; V. T. Katker—fined Rs. 90 for non-declaration of charcoal stocks.

In the Bombay Suburban District, Y. Umar and A. Umar were fined Rs. 10 each for profiteering in potatoes and K. Arjun fined Rs. 40 for selling pulses without a licence.

DIVIDENDS ON AMBIKA AND JAGDISH SHARES

AHMEDABAD, March 18

Meetings of Ambika and Jagdish mills directors were held. Earnings of Ambika mill for 1944 is estimated about Rs. 60 lakhs and dividend of Rs. 22 in all (Rs. 15 dividend plus Rs. 7 bonus) last year dividend of Rs. 25 in all was given. Earnings of Jagdish mill is estimated at about Rs. 18 lakhs and a dividend of Rs. 12 in all (Rs. 10 dividend plus Rs. 2 bonus).

U. S. Super-Forts Attack Nagoya Again

ANOTHER AIR FLEET POUND TARGETS IN KYUSHU

WASHINGTON, March 18. (Reuter): Twenty-First Bomber Command Headquarters states that more than 300 Superforts hit Nagoya in a low level before dawn attack with 2,000 incendiaries to "finish up" the fire raid of March 12.

WASHINGTON: Twentieth Air Force Headquarters communique says that a very large force of Super Forts today raided Nagoya on the Japanese mainland. The attack was directed against industrial targets. Incendiary bombs were used in great numbers.

HEAVY U. S. ATTACK ON KYUSHU

GUAM, March 18: A strong force of American carrier aircraft attacked air bases and installations on the Japanese homeland island of Kyushu today, announces a communique from Admiral Chester Nimitz. Marines on Iwojima have mopped up isolated remnants of Japanese garrison, it added.

Simultaneously, warships of Admiral Chester Nimitz's United States fleet bombarded Japanese positions in the Kurile islands.

The Commander of the 21st Bomber Command, Major General Curtis Lemay, said that the target was in the heart of the industrial area where some 375,000 people live.

Yet Another Raid On Kyushu

LONDON, March 19 (Reuter): The Japanese News Agency reported today that Nagoya was raided at 2 a.m. local time today by 100 Superfortresses. The raid lasted three hours. The agency adds that damage was caused by fires.

The Japanese News Agency today reported that Kyushu, one of Jap home islands was raided again today by Allied carrier-borne planes. It said, "Task force planes attacked Shikoku district, a part of the Chugoku area along the Seto Island sea and the southern part of Kyushu."

NEW ALLIED LANDINGS

MANILA, March 18. (Reuter): Elements of the 158th regimental combat team landed on Saturday on Talaga on the north-west shore of the Batangas Bay in Southern Luzon in a move to secure Calumpan peninsula.

General MacArthur's communique today announcing the new landing said it was unopposed.

From Talaga American forces quickly reached the town of Mabini. In the watershed area east of Manila, American forces have reached a point five miles east of Antipolo. Zamboanga in Mindanao has been captured.

Lightning Bus & Tram Strike

BOMBAY, Monday.

A lightning strike on the Tram and Bus routes of the B. E. S. & T. which started at 1-30 p.m. to-day was called off 4-1/2 hours later. The City's traffic showed a trend towards normality by nightfall. Grievances of a section of workers, namely, conductors working on open double-decked buses was the cause of the strike in which the other workers seemed to have joined in sympathy.

The "back to work" call was given by 6 p.m.

Soon after the strike began, Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhai, President, B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, Mr. Adam Adil, Vice-President, Mr. Shanti Gujar, General Secretary, Mr. Hijarat Rasool General Organisar and others rushed to the office of the company. At 3-30 p.m. a conference was held between the Union leaders and the management of the Company. Ultimately a settlement was arrived at that the workers should not be forced to go on open-deck buses in the second shift except in cases of emergency, when the workers will be paid 50 per cent extra wages.

Mr. Abidali Jafferbhai's Statement

BOMBAY, March 19. (U.P.I.)

Mr. Abidali Jafferbhai, President, B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, in a statement issued to the Press, says:—

"For a long time the B.E.S.T. workers including the tram and bus drivers and conductors and workers of the Kingsway workshop and Kassia Power House, all of whom are now under one Union, have been smarting under various grivances and disabilities, some inherent in war conditions and mostly resulting from the attitude adopted against them by some of the officers of the Company," observes Mr. Abidali.

Continuing he says: "To this were added the orders of the Company issued recently introducing a change compelling the workers to work for two shifts on the roofless buses instead of one shift as hitherto. The refusal of the staff to add to their hardships by carrying out these orders resulted in disciplinary action taken against the. This caused an immediate, spontaneous and complete strike which took place to-day.

"I am glad that the General Manager of the Company has acceded to the immediate demands of the workers and he has also promised to give sympathetic consideration to all their demands and grievances."

In conclusion, he hopes that the officials of the Company will fulfil their part of the contract regarding the immediate grievances and will leave no room for any complaints.

INCOMETAX BILL TO BE WITHDRAWN?

Select Committee Refuses To Give New Powers To Officials

NEW DELHI, March 19.

Lobby circles expect that unless the Income Tax officers' power of reassessment and of entry into business premises of assessees are retained in some form the Income Tax Bill may be withdrawn.

The Select Committee on the Bill has deleted sections giving these powers and the Finance Member and Sir John Sheehy in a minute of dissent have emphasised the need for retaining these powers and have referred to an alternative draft provision prepared with this object.

Mr. Jinaraja Hegde, Congress member speaking on the Finance Bill in the Assembly to-day, made a reference to the report that Finance Members may decide not to proceed further with the Bill in the form in which it has emerged from the Select Committee.—A. P. I.

Enemy Positions North-East Of Mogok Attacked

ADV. HQ. ALF SEA, March 19.

To-days' SEAC "communique" says: Northern Combat Area Commands Fighting continued yesterday north-west, north, and north-east of Bhamo where troops of the 50th Chinese Division are opposed by determined enemy groups. The Japanese are also resisting in the hills to the south of Hsipaw.

Leading elements of the Chinese First Army encountered Japanese opposition 16 miles from Lashio on the Lashio-Hsipaw road. South and south-east of the road progress was made towards Mongyai.

The British 36th Division is attacking Japanese positions north-east of Mogok.

Fourteenth Army Front: Japanese opposition has been maintained in the southern part of Mandalay and in Fort Dufferin. Our troops who have gained a firm hold on the southern road and rail exists from Mandalay, north of Kyaukse, have operated successfully against Japanese who are attempting to escape with their heavy equipment.

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months ago Government put forward a proposal for the import of 20,000,000 yards from U. K. and U. S. A., but the Board opposed he proposal on the ground that such imported cloth would be subsidised cloth and would affect Indian production.

In regard to the proposal for the import of consumers goods Sir Vithal said that he would welcome it as an anti-inflationary measure calculated to ease the civilian needs, but warned that it should not be a the expense of the existing Indian industries.

Sir Vithal had not concluded his speech when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

More Non-Officials On Planning Committee

NEW DELHI, March 19. (A.P.I.)

Before resuming the general debate on the Finance Bill the Assembly agreed to motions for the appointment of Standing Committees for the Departments of Planning and Development, External Affairs and Finance.

Sir Ardeshir Dalal accepted Mr. Essak Sait's amendment to raise the number of non-official members from the Assembly on the Planning and Development Committee from eight to ten, and Sir Olaf Caroe, External Affairs Secretary, agreed to increase the number from three to eight on the Committee attached to his Department.

In the debate on the motion for the election of 14 members of the Assembly on the Standing Finance Committee, the Finance Member reiterated that the scope of the functions of the Committee had been enlarged during the last year and it had been taken on a somewhat flexible form.

Russo-American Differences Over Rumania

Britain Holds To Middle Course But Agrees With U.S. Administration

LONDON, March 19 (U.P.I.).

The "Sunday Observer" an influential Tory paper reports that the Russian and American views on the new Bucharest administration are in conflict." The British Government takes the middle of the road view but on the whole agreeing with the U. S. administration.

In this connection, it is recalled that just before Dr. Grozea, the new Rumanian Premier, formed his Cabinet, extraordinary pro-Soviet demonstrations took place in Bucharest, the capital of the country. Next followed an exchange of cordial messages between Stalin and Grozea. The British and American observers in Rumania apparently had not expected this sudden burst of pro-Soviet feeling which probably gave them cause for suspecting Russia's games in Rumania.

Is it no more a diplomatic secret that sharp differences between Moscow and Washington over Rumania have arisen? The "United Press of India" learns on usually reliable authority that this matter will figure on the agenda, with the red label of priority attached to it, of the Foreign Secretary's first meeting soon after the San Francisco Conference. Writing on this subject the "Sunday Pictorial" reveals:—

"Russia has made a brilliant reply. She is telling Britain that in fact she has done no more than Britain did in Greece—that is to put in power a Government she could rely upon not to interfere with her military operations in place of an administration that was heading for a civil war. Mr. Churchill will find it hard to argue out that one."

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'D Day' For Singapore In Sight?

SOMERVILLE SEES PROSPECTS OF IRANIAN OIL FOR U. S. FLEET IN PACIFIC

NEW YORK, MONDAY): (Reuter) Admiral Sir James Somerville, Head of the British Delegation in Washington and former Commander-in-Chief of the British Eastern Fleet, said in a broadcast today that the day "is drawing much closer" when Singapore will be free. When this happens and the Allies have complete control of the Straits of Malacca separating Malay from Sumatra, oil which the American Pacific Fleet burns will travel only half the distance it now covers.

With the reopening of the Straits, oil could be obtained from the Persian Gulf and a saving of over 4,000 miles effected Admiral Somerville added.

"The reopening of the Straits of Malacca is a matter of very great importance to America as well as Britain" Admiral Somerville said. "The oil the American Pacific Fleet burns is brought to the American Fleet over 9,000 miles across the Pacific. If the oil is brought through the Persian Gulf, a saving of over 4,000 miles is effected. But control cannot be regained fully until Singapore is recaptured. The opening of the Straits and release of the lands bordering the Straits from Japanese Dominion will be important factors in bringing about the defeat of Japan. It is curious how little use the Japanese made of their opportunity when they had control of the Straits. You have heard how a month or two after the fall of Singapore the Japanese fleet was seen steaming up the Straits and out into the Indian Ocean.

I was waiting for that fleet south of Ceylon, waiting with a hastily assembled force, which as I found out subsequently was not up to the strength of Japanese fleet and was deficient in that vital component of a fleet, the aircraft carriers.

The Japanese looked for me on that occasion and I looked for them. Both searches failed. If either of those searches had succeeded I should not be talking to you at this moment; I should probably be, as sailors put it, in Davy Jone's locker.

But after this one sortie the Japanese retired into the Straits and never emerged again. I wonder why!

They had the ball at their feet then with the goal wide open—our communications with the Middle East up the East Coast of America. The only link we had with the Middle East at that time. If those communications had been cut we might well have lost the war.

The Japanese fleet was drawn away and pinned down in the Pacific. We now have much closer cooperation with the British fleet and the American fleet fighting side by side in the Pacific. Besides the British Pacific fleet, we now have the British East Indies fleet; It is that fleet which will certainly play a leading part in the reopening of the straits.

Admiral Somerville said that British and Dutch submarines in the Straits of Malacca had sunk up to the end of January 15 warships ranging from cruisers to submarine chasers, 21 large merchantmen, 51 coasters and 159 tugs and small craft.

He said that the gross tonnage was 150,000 tons an impressive figure in view of the humid and intolerable conditions. Allied submarines rather than Japanese had exercised control over the Straits of Malacca for well over a year.

ONE JAP SHIP SINKS A DAY

NEW YORK, March 18 (Reuter): The Naval Adviser to the British Information Services said to-day: "Submarines of Britain's Far Eastern Fleet operating in enemy controlled waters during the last eight months sunk a total of 274 Japanese ships—an average of more than one per day, it is now officially disclosed."

This figure includes both supply ships and war vessels, but takes no account of many others which were hit by gunfire, driven ashore or otherwise damaged in submarine attack."

"This heavy toll of Japanese seaborne supplies of food, fuel, ammunition and medical necessities has had a marked effect on the conduct of the Burma campaign, which will become increasingly apparent as the drive south of Mandalay continues."

Britain's Role In Asia

WASHINGTON, March 18 (Reuter).—The prediction that Britain "may be expected to pursue the balance of power concept in Asia with respect both to the United States and Russia" although she recognises her dependence on the United States power in this area, is made in a survey by the Foreign Policy Association made public to-night.

The Association is a private organisation sponsoring public interest in International matters.

The survey says, however, that this does not appear to hold true of Europe.

Realising that a new power is shaping in Europe, Britain says the survey, "is intent on ensuring her security by the most realistic methods.

"Britain is fully cognisant today of Russia's power in Eastern Europe and by accommodating Russian influence in Europe, Britain appears to be abandoning the older concept of balance of power with respect to the Continent.

"It is confidently predicted that within the framework of a twenty-year alliance the two nations can work together, in fact must work together, if the shattered political framework of Europe is to be rebuilt."

IN INTEREST OF U. S. TOO

Discussing Britain's future economic problems the survey says, it is within the power of the United States to alleviate many of the difficulties which not only Britain, but the entire world peace. "Whether that power is so used will depend on the enlightened self-interest of the United States."

"THEY ARE LOOTING CHINA"!

WASHINGTON, March 17 (U. P. A.): Representative Walter Judd, formerly a missionary in China, today charged: he saw "Americans engaging in graft" in China during his visit last autumn. "They are looting China and looting the United States Treasury", he stated. The incidents occurred during the period of disorganisation in China's economy. Due to economic necessity, he also participated, Representative Judd said, but with the Americans.

"The result was a moral breakdown", he concluded.

LONDON, March 18. (Reuter): The Moscow radio quoting a Bucharest report says to-night that the Chairman of the Rumanian National Peasant Party Dr. Iuliu Maniu has resigned and been replaced by Nicolae Lupu.

NEW STATUS FOR INDIA?

To Be Declared Sovereign State On Eve Of San Francisco

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, March 18.

An announcement by the British Government declaring India a Sovereign State is regarded as imminent by knowledgeable persons here. This announcement will be made before the Indian Delegation to San Francisco conference leaves India. This will be a reiteration of the Cripps announcement and would involve no change in the existing constitutional status of India vis a vis the Great Britain. The declaration has become necessary to enable India's participation in San Francisco Conference.

It is explained that the San Francisco Conference has been convened to consider a world organisation as fromed by the Dumbarton Oakes Conference. This plan lays down that only Sovereign States will be entitled to participate in the Conference. The official viewpoint does not regard the forthcoming declaration inconsistent with British policy towards India. It is pointed out that the San Francisco Conference will evolve a Pos-war World Conference. India should be a Sovereign State both internally and externally by the time the World Organisation comes into being and starts functioning.

It is further explained that sovereignty is divisible according to International Law. Britain can declare India a Sovereign State for international purposes without affecting her relations with India or the internal structure of India's present constitution. In pursuance of this principle, India was accorded a seat on the League of Nations 25 years ago. Moreover, the Dumbarton Oakes declaration would respect the internal structure of members of states of the World Organisation.

I also learn that Sir V. T. Krishnamachariar is a representative of the Crown Representative on India's Delegation to San Francisco Conference. He does not represent the Princes as such. The Viceroy is likely to invite the Indian Princes to join the delegation and the name of such Prince will be announced shortly. The names of Jam Sahib and Maharaja of Kashmir are being mentioned in this connection.

Demand For Abject Surrender

London Reaction To Amery's Interview With "Chronicle" Representative

LONDON, March 19. (U.P.)

The Indian opinion in London reacted quickly to the observations made by Mr. Amery in the course of an interview to the "Bombay Chronicle" Representative. Mr. Mohiuddin, Secretary of the Swaraj House, said to the "United Press of India":—"Shorn of all its fringes and sentimentality, the interview boils down to the demand by the Secretary of State for India that Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders should unconditionally surrender and throw themselves on the mercy of Mr. Amery".

Mr. Mohiuddin expressed his firm belief that the Congress would never accept this arrogant demand and added: "The democratic forces of the world are moving fast and India will attain her objective of complete independence sooner than most of us dare to expect, Amery or no Amery."

In this connection an interesting piece of news is published here this morning by the "News of the World". The newspaper revealed: "New efforts are being made to solve the problem of India and Lord Wavell, the Viceroy, is returning to London for consultation with the Government."

Maharaj Singh Pleads For Ending Autocratic Rule In India

LONDON March 19 (Reuter.)

The President of the All-India Liberal Federation and President of the All-India Conference of Indian Christians, Maharaj Singh in a letter in today's "Times" says he is "in general agreement" with the recent letter in the "Times" from Dr. Devanandan who, writing as an "ordinary Indian in the street" called for the immediate release of political prisoners, restoration of provincial autonomy and restoration of friendly Indo-British relations.

Maharaj Singh adds: "Whether or not one agrees with the Congress there is no doubt that it is the largest political party in India and will secure a great majority of general seats at the next election".

"With the release of these leaders there is a reasonable chance of reversion to popular Government in all provinces. But in any case the present autocratic rule under Section 93 should be superseded by some form of Government in which non-officials can play an important part."

Death Sentence For War Lords

People's Court Completes Trials Of Other 108 For Siding With Germany

SOFIA, March 18 (Reuter): The Bulgarian People's Court has completed the trials of 138 military chiefs responsible for siding Bulgaria with Germany and has pronounced death sentences on 30 including the former Chief of Staff, General Lukash and former Chief of Army Intelligency, Colonel Nedeff.

The Court also sentenced 65 officers to terms of imprisonment from five years to life sentences. They acquitted 38 including 11 already tried or on trial before other peoples courts.

Death and imprisonment sentences entail confiscation of all real estate and movable property as well as payment of fines of from 300,000 to five million Leva.

OSLO CUT OFF FROM OTHER CITIES

LONDON, March 18 (Reuter). Oslo has been cut off from the towns bordering on the east and west sides of the Oslo Fjord at the head of which it stands and also from the railway network in Eastern Norway.

This is made clear in additional news reaching Norwegian Government in London of expreations of Norwegian forces who on the night of Wednesday, Thursday last blew up Oslo's main railway station.

"RED TERRORISM" IN CAULONIA ALLEGED

ROME, March 18 (Reuter).

Reuter's special correspondent, Rome, writes: Violent protests have been aroused in the Rome Liberal and Catholic press by the breakdown of public order in the neighbourhood of Caulonia in Italy's "toe" province of Calabria.

The action of the Mayor supported by Communists in holding Caulonia in a state of siege for several days while his own son escaped, is only one of a series of acts of "Red terrorism" alleged in well documented articles in the Liberal and the Catholic press as having taken place in recent weeks.

Left Wing Parties have evidently made some attempt to meet these protests but they declare that the incidents cited by the Liberals and the Catholics pale beside outrages committed against their own adherents.

CONCESSION TO BRITISH STUDENTS.

The Government of India has extended the benefits of the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Evacuee University students to British subjects studying in any Indian State University which is recognised for the purposes of Federal Public Service Commission Examination.

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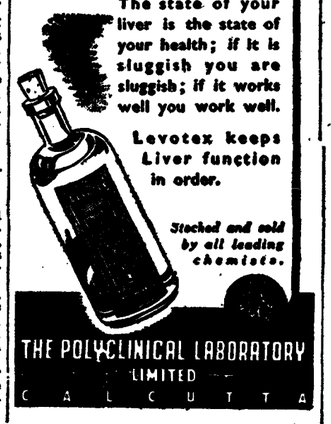

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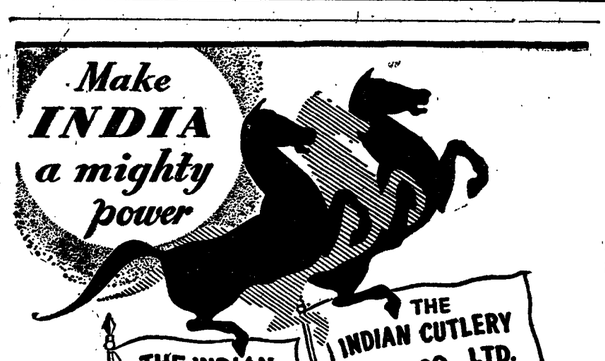

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LONDON, March 18 (Reuter): R. A. F. Mosquitos tonight attacked Berlin for the 27th consecutive night.

Frontline towns in the immediate rear or the German defences facing the British, Canadian and American armies were hammered from dawn to dusk today in air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham's non-stop tactical bombing offensive.

The targets were the important railway and road centres of Borken, 15 and a half miles south-west of Kassel and Bocholt in Western Westphalia where pilots saw heavy explosions and large fires spreading in marshalling yards.

AMERICAN LOSSES

The losses in today's American raid on Berlin are not yet known it is officially stated.

In yesterday's operations the Americans lost eight bombers and two fighters.

More than 40,000 British tons of bombs were dropped on Berlin by R.A.F. bombers up to the end of January and today's American raid bringing the American total to more than 20,000 United States tons (17,500 British tons).

The Reich capital has according to published figures alone had more than 57,000 British tons dropped on it.

These figures take no account of the raids by Mosquitos which up to this morning had attacked Berlin on 26 successive nights.

The weight of bombs dropped on London in the heavy raids of 1940-41 was approximately 7,500 tons.

The headquarters of Col.-General Johannes Blaskowitz, Commander-in-Chief of the German army group on the northern Rhine front and the headquarters of General Frederich Christiansen, Commander-in-Chief of German garrisons in Netherlands were devastated today in low level attacks by Typhoons of the Second Tactical Air Force.

Both the targets are on Holland.

Thousand pound bombs, incendiaries and rockets wrecked a country house and villags in both headquarters.

Russian and American fighter pilots joined in a dogfight with four German planes over a Russian airfield east of the Oder today, states the American air headquarters.

The Commander of an American squadron of Mustangas took them on patrol over the river and noticing a fight led his planes to help. He shot down one German plane. The Russians drove the others away.

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Bullion Market Firm Up On Professional Buying

SHARE BAZAR MARKING TIME AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS

Cotton Remains Steady With Restricted Business

BOMBAY, March 19.

In the absence of any important development over the week-end, the Bombay Stock Exchange was dull and featureless to-day. Neither Bulls nor Bears had courage to increase their risks and members were marking time awaiting developments. The recovery in Bullion market is anticipated to attract buyers but in view of excellent war news, the general feeling remains hesitant. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfd Shares improved Rs. 5/- Ordinary Re. 1/- Cotton mill shares were quiet and Bombay Dyeings lost Rs. 6/- and Kohinoors managed an improvement of one point. Bank shares were steady. Among Insurance shares Empires were marked down to Rs. 1300/- and sales were difficult. Government securities were quiet with 3½ per cent paper quoted at Rs. 99/9/6.

The Bullion market was fairly firm in its process of readjustment as the market was sold out. There was some professional support.

Cotton market was steady but ruled quiet on increased selling by option dealers but quotations rallied and with a restricted turnover the market was steady.

BOMBAY, March 19.

Smallest turnover, since the commencement of the year, was recorded today on the Bombay Stock Exchange where quotations after opening refused to move. There was utter absence of any fresh business and traders were not inclined to operate pending the Jamshedi Nawroz holiday on Wednesday. Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 2090 and were quoted at Rs. 2087 while Ordinary Shares were placed at Rs. 386. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1850 and after declining to Rs. 1848, rallied to Rs 1850. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 616 and steadied at Rs. 618.

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CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, March 17: Grain prices continued weak and nervous with evening-up operations and a request for a report on Rye holdings of 25,000 bushels or more prompted some selling on the Chicago Commodity Exchange to-day.

Prices rallied on the close, wheat finishing unchanged to half a cent per bushel higher.

Selling of July wheat contracts by mills and commercial interests, coupled with light demand, turned prices bearish early in the session.

Action was centred on July delivery, scant attention being paid to current contracts.—(U. P. A.).

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 32,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 70/6 to Rs 70/7 and 300 bars Silver at Rs. 126/5 to Rs. 125/6. Wednesday being a Bank holiday, it was announced that sales of Silver tomorrow would be 600 bars and of gold would be 35,000 tolas.

The market was narrow today being weekly settlement days. The market was mostly interested in carryover business and in the absence of fresh business prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 126/8 and declined to Rs. 126/5 Next settlement was quoted at Rs. 125/14 to Rs. 126. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 126/12. Forward Gold for the current settlement was quoted as Rs. 70/11 and business for the next settlement was done at Rs. 70/6. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 70/14. The present steadiness is mainly due to technical readjustment otherwise there is less desire to go long in view of increased supplies. There was a slight improvement in the Gold offtake and the market was steady.

Professional Bull operators were persistent buyers and the market ruled firm. Closing quotations were as under:—

SILVER.

Ready	126	15	0
Current Settlement	126	12	0
Next Settlement	126	7	0

GOLD.

Ready	72	1	0
Current Settlement	71	11	0
Next Settlement	70	13	0
Sovereigns	49	8	0

HOLIDAY IN COTTON MARKET

The local cotton market will remain entirely closed on the 21st inst. being "Jamshedi Navroz".

Bombay Cotton

The cotton market opened today at Rs. 451 for May delivery and improved to Rs. 451/ under scattered buying and later reacted at Rs. 451. The market is now well stabilised at present levels and there is more inclination to buy on declines. In view of over one lakh bales of tendered cotton against March cotton and now formly held by professional bulls with their extensive financial resources and also with good facilities to pass a portion of this cotton into actual consumption, the market outlook is constructive. This year the crop is a small one and at the end of the season the statistical position is likely to be strengthened. Thus it appears that bulls have very wisely taken up all market tenders as there is more profit in actual cotton than buying forward contracts at higher rates.

During the middle of the session there was some selling by option dealers and May delivery declined to Rs. 448/8 but again steadied at Rs. 450. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	444	0	0
I.C.C. May	450	12	0
I.C.C. July	466	4	0
I.C.C. Sept.	474	12	0

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 471 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES
BOMBAY, March 19.

	High	Low	Close
I C C March	446	443/12	444
I C C May	453	450/12	451
I C C July	467/8	465	466/4
I C C Sept	476½	474/6	474/8
Karachi May	47/1/3	46/14/9	47/0/6

REDUCED ACTIVITY IN N. Y. CLOTH MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 17: Activity in the textile trade lowered to-day as traders attention concentrated on military orders and the ever-changing Government regulations.

Worth Street found additional handicaps, to the booking of extended new business, in uncertainty over future production costs generated by fears of an impending price roll-back in the face of a move to raise wage rates.

Pending farm legislation which could affect the price of raw cotton and inability to gauge the probable extent of future Government requirements also occupied interest. (U. P. A.).

New York Cotton Market Extremely Narrow

NEW YORK, March 17.

The market was dull with fluctuations extremely narrow, evidently reflecting customary week-end uncertainties and the need of fresh trading incentives. Meanwhile prices held steady on scattering of price-fixing and trade buying which offset hedges. The market closed steady. July opened at 21.75 and advanced to 21.79. The market closed at a net gain of 4 to 9 points.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The market was trendless during the past week reflecting numerous cross-currents. The tightness of spot cotton, unfavourable crop news, lower acreage ideas and prospects of additional large export enquiries were counteracted by the ever-present possibility of sudden peace moves and growing doubts regarding extension of the Government's purchase programme in the present form for another year.

The belief still prevalent in some quarters that consumption is likely to remain on full basis for some time even should hostilities cease owing to demand for goods to supply European civilians as well as huge backlog orders in the United States.

The recent increased activity in Southern spot markets was undoubtedly influenced by export business. Meanwhile South-eastern mills are more interested in early shipment.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

LONDON, March 17.

Money market was comfortable throughout the week despite the heavy call on banks to take up treasury deposit receipts. There was a fairly large turnover of bills on Friday, particularly of April maturities. Balances are obtainable at 1 per cent from banks, while 3/4 per cent are frequently available from outside lenders.

Applications for £110 million treasury bills totalled £236 million sterling and the average rate was 19 shilling 11.50 d. The market receiving 27 per cent on its applications.

Next week £110 million will again be offered and banks have been asked to provide £100 million against treasury deposit receipts.—Reuter.

NEW YORK COTTON QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, March 17: Prices for future deliveries closed 4 to 7 points higher on the New York Cotton Exchange to-day:—

Delivery April High 22.12.
Delivery March High 22.13 nom.
Delivery May High 22.08, Low 22.05, Close 22.06.
Delivery June High 21.94 nom.
Delivery July High 21.79, Low 21.75, Close 21.79.
Delivery August High 21.59.
Delivery September High 21.38 nom.
Delivery October High 21.17 Low 21.15, Close 21.16.
Delivery November High 21.13.
Delivery December High 21.09, Low 21.05, Close 21.09.—(U. P. A.).

MONEY MARKET.

BOMBAY, March 19.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
BOMBAY, March 19.

Tata Ordinary 385 Tata Deferred 2085 Indian Iron 40 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 33/2 Bombay Dyeing 1845 Central India 375 Century 922/8 Gokak 303/2 Kohinoor 616/14 Simplex 263 Andhra Valley 1767/8 Tata Hydro 203/2 Tata Power 1875 Associated Cement 232 Belapur 218/2 Bombay Burma (Old) 522/8.

BOMBAY PRODUCE
BOMBAY, March 19.

The produce market was quietly steady with a slightly improved demand for Linseed from shippers. Up-country markets were also steady. Quotations were as under.

Groundnuts Khandesh quality Rs 14/10 Nizam quality Rs. 13/14, Bombay Bold Rs. 13/15. Goa March/April Rs. 14/3 and April/May Rs 14/4. Castorseeds Bombay and Goa delivery Rs. 15/3. Linseed C P and U P Rs 15/10/6. G I P Stations Rs 15/10 and N S Ry stood at Rs. 15/9.

RECORD OF PROGRESS

The Company opened its Life Dept. on 16th November 1944. Up to 31st December 1944 the proposed business was over Rs. 13 lakhs and business completed was over Rs. 10½ lakhs.

LIFE • FIRE • MARINE • ACCIDENT

Authorised Capital ... Rs. 1,00,00,000
Issued & Subscribed Capital ... Rs. 50,00,000
Paid-up Capital ... Rs. 25,00,000

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Ambitious and energetic young men looking for a career: work for this progressive Company. Write TODAY for details of terms for Agents and posts of salaried Organisers.

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22, Apollo Street, Bombay. JAY. 2.

THE NEW GREAT INSURANCE CO. OF INDIA LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Baroda—Liability of Members is Limited)

Authorised Capital - - Rs. 2,50,00,000
Issued and Subscribed Capital Rs. 1,25,00,000
Paid-up Capital - - Rs. 32,50,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. TULSIDAS KILACHAND, Esq., (Chairman)
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Business Transacted:—FIRE — MARINE — ACCIDENT — LIFE

Philomena Thumboochetty

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Bombay Choral & Philharmonic Society's Orchestra will not perform at Philomena Thumboochetty's recital.

SETH HYDERALLY CASSUMJI CHARITABLE TRUST.

Abstract Statement of Account for the three years ended 31st December, 1943.

	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Assets at commencement and Receipts:—		
To Liquid Assets at Commencement:—		
Balance at Banks and Cash in hand on 1-1-1941:—	4,572 12 9	
3½% G.P. Notes. Face Value Rs. 22,000/- at cost:—	20,425 9 5	
	24,998 6 2	
Less:—Liability for rent deposit:—	15 0 0	
		24,983 6 2
"Receipts:—		
Rent of Surat Properties:—	11,527 10 9	
Interest on Govt. Securities:—	2,644 12 6	
Interest on current account:—	53 0 0	
Bethak Fees:—	574 0 0	
		14,799 7 3
Total Rupees		39,782 13 5

	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
By Disbursements and Liquid Assets at Close:—		
Salaries and Wages:—	1,680 0 0	
Municipal rates and taxes:—	856 14 0	
Insurance:—	412 8 0	
Repairs:—	199 13 9	
Legal Charges:—	186 15 6	
Audit Fees:—	150 0 0	
Sundry Expenses:—	126 15 3	
Accounts Publication Charges:—	142 13 0	
		3,955 15 6
"Liquid Assets at Close (31-12-43):-		
Investments at Cost:—		
3½% G.P. Notes. F.V. 32,000/-:—	29,656 13 5	
Amount due from an ex-employee:—	28 1 0	
Cash in hand and Balance in current accounts with Banks:-		
The Bank of India Ltd.	5,748 15 3	
The Bank of Baroda Ltd.	364 0 0	
In hand:—	44 0 3	
	6,156 15 6	
	35,841 13 11	
Less:—Liability for Rent deposit:	15 0 0	
		35,826 13 11
Total Rupees.		39,782 13 5

We have examined the above Abstract Statement of Account for the three years ended 31st December, 1943 of Seth Hyderally Cassumji Charitable Trust compiled on the basis of actual receipts and payments with vouchers and books of accounts of the Trust as kept at Bombay, in which are incorporated the monthly statements of accounts from Surat. We have also verified the Investments as on 31st December, 1943 with the Safe Custody Deposit Receipt of the Bank of India Ltd.

The value of the Surat Properties has not been shown in the books of the Trust.

N. M. CONTRACTOR & CO.,
Registered Accountants,
Auditors.

Bombay, 16th May, 1944.

(Sd.) T. M. Kajiji
(Sd.) Mahomedbhoy Faiscolabhoy
(Sd.) Amiruddin Shaiebhoy Tyabji
(Sd.) Tyebbhoy Saiebhoy
(Sd.) A. E. Maskati

Tea Time—Where the Five Rivers flow

On summer evenings, the Punjabi forgets the heat of the day out of doors—sometimes in a public garden. At sunset, hot tea guards against the risk of a chill.

Served from a graceful lota, the tea is already prepared with milk and sugar. The cup is considered puny in a country generous of build and heart. Here brass vessels or glasses are the fashion.

The picturesque dress of men and women and the glory of a Punjabi garden will form an impression of the Land of the Five Rivers which no visitor will easily forget.

Here as everywhere in India, Brooke Bond fresh teas are greatly in demand.

Brooke Bond
"Two Leaves and a Bud"

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IF YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED SO BAD WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE MATRIMONIAL BUREAU! THEY'LL FIND YOU A WIFE!
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WIFE, SIR!
YESSIR! MAY I ASK HOW OLD YOU ARE, SIR?
I'M-ER-THIRTY-EIGHT!
THEN I SUPPOSE YOU WOULD LIKE A WIFE ABOUT THIRTY-SIX?
WELL, IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU I'D RATHER HAVE TWO AT EIGHTEEN!
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Required for The Indian Plywood Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Dandeli. North Kanara one Store-keeper, one Stores clerk and two Accounts clerks. Apply Killick Nixon & Co., Bombay. 2542

Wanted young men with a working knowledge of English knowing turning and fitting work as apprentices to be trained up as mechanical engineers for mofussil ginning and pressing factories with ultimate prospects of permanent jobs as mechanical engineers on their obtaining second-class engineer's certificate. Starting salary Rs. 50 per month plus dear food allowance and provident fund. Apply with copies of certificates to Box No. 2538, "The Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted an Assistant for a Firm of Engineers & Machinery Merchants. Preferably a Graduate in Commerce or Engineering and knowing typewriting. Apply Box No. 7622A, "Bombay Chronicle."

Applications are invited for the post of one "Typist and Correspondence" Clerk. So those desirous of serving in this Association and knowing typing and office correspondence well and have served previously in an office should apply with their copies of certificates and testimonials to the undersigned with the minimum salary they expect on or before 31-3-45. None but those who know English well should apply. Also we want some clerks knowing English and accountancy well. So those desirous of, should also apply with the minimum salary expected to Chairman The Industrial Co-op. Association Ltd., Malegaon, 93, Tilak Road, Dist. Nasik. 2535

Wanted Linotype, Monotype and Intertype Machines. Must be in good condition Also Treadles, Wharfedales and Litho Machines. Apply with full particulars and prices to Pressarts, Bashirbagh, Hyderabad-Dn. 2536

Applications are invited from graduates of either sex in Law or Sociology with aptitude for Labour and Welfare work, for the post of an Assistant Labour Officer. Persons with previous experience in a textile mill preferred. Please apply on the prescribed form (available on payment of Re. 1- in postal stamps) to the Employment Officer, Calico Mills Ahmedabad. 2531

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted Separate Office Room any size with Telephone, preferable from Fort, to Grant Road. Write Box No. 7612, "Bombay Chronicle."

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Hurry up! Last few weeks for enrolling for Senior Cambridge Examination. Non-Matriculates eligible. Mathematics, Second Language omissible. Oral-postal tuition. Bombay Tutorial College, opposite Jermahal, Dhobi Talao. 7612

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MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted any kind of standard or portable Typewriters. Consult Bhatia & Co. 236, Kalbadevi Rd., Tel. 27792. 7605

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED: The Government of India, Department of Information and Broadcasting, invite applications from well-educated and intelligent young men who are prepared to serve as apprentices for training in the technique of the various branches of production of documentary films. The selected apprentices will in the first instance be moved around from one branch of film production to another in order to discover in which direction individual talent and aptitude lie. They will later be attached to the particular branch for which they are considered most suitable. The normal period of apprenticeship will be one year which may be decreased or increased according to individual aptitude and rate of progress. A stipend of Rs. 100 per mensem will be paid during the period of apprenticeship. No guarantee of employment can be given, but apprentices may be absorbed in regular posts in Information Films of India as soon as they are considered fit for such appointments.

2. Applications enclosed in covers marked "Applications for Apprenticeships" giving at least two references qualifications and any other particulars of interest, should reach the Administrative Officer, Information Films of India, 74-94, Tardeo Road, Bombay No. 7 by the 15th April, 1945. 2469

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates to fill two temporary posts of Research Officer in the River Research Institute, Bengal, of which one is reserved for a Muslim and the other for a non-Muslim. Pay—175—500. Age—must not be over 30. Qualifications—must be M.Sc's (1st class) in Applied Mathematics with Physics (theoretical) in B.Sc.: preferably with Research experience in hydrodynamics or electricity and magnetism or must be M.Sc's (1st class) in Physics (experimental) with training in statistics. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission Bengal Darjeeling personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary, by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 4th April, 1945. 2547

NOTICE.

CONTROL OF CAPITAL ISSUES.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS are made to the list already published of questions to be answered in applications for consent or recognition to the issue of capital by companies

Q. 4 (a): "Note: Mere reference to the objects stated in the Memorandum of Association is usually unacceptable."

Q. 4 (b). "Note: This does not refer to the Company's head office (see Q. 2) but to the place of actual operations (e.g. in the cases of industries, location of factory).

New Q. 5A. "MANAGING AGENTS. Give name and address of Managing Agents, if any, appointed or to be appointed."

Q 6. "and describing the voting rights of each class of share."

Q. 8 (d). "In respect of capital goods, state whether an application for registration has been made to the Chief Controller of Imports and if so, whether registration has been accorded (quote number and date of registration certificate)."

(Sd.) A. H. LLOYD,
Examiner of Capital Issues.
13th March, 1945. 2549

G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER G. I. P. Rly., Bombay, invites tenders up to 12 hours on 28-3-45 for enclosing the 3 bays of shed No. 3 at Wadi Bunder with brick masonry walls. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his Office on payment of Rs. 2|- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3|- being made. These sums will not be refunded. 2551

BOMBAY PORT TRUST RAILWAY.

WANTED an OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT. Pay Rs. 300—15—375 per mensem with House and War Allowances according to rules in force. Six months' probation. Preferably under 35 years of age with experience in Railway Commercial work.

Application forms for the above appointment should be obtained from this office on payment of Re. 1/- per form and must be submitted not later than 2nd April 1945. Covers should be marked "O/S".

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

H. A. GAYDON,
Manager,
Bombay Port Trust Railway,
Nicol Road, Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 15th March, 1945. 2508

THE SASSOON & ALLIANCE SILK MILL CO., LTD.

NOTICE

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Maneckji Wadia Building, 125, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th April, 1945, at 4 P. M. (N.S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1944.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 30th March to FRIDAY, the 13th April, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
A. PETHER,
Manager,
Managing Agents.
Maneckji Wadia Building,
125, Esplanade Road, Fort,
Bombay, 19th March, 1945.

N.B.—The Dividend when declared as recommended by the Directors, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company during office hours on and after Monday the 16th April, 1945 (excepting Saturdays). Shareholders are requested to intimate immediately any change in their registered address to the Company. 2554

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE NEW UNION MILLS, LTD.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Maneckji Wadia Building, No. 125, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th April, 1945 at 4-00 p.m. (N. S. T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1944.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY the 30th March to FRIDAY, the 20th April, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.
A. PETHER,
Manager,
Managing Agents.
Maneckji Wadia Building,
125, Esplanade Road, Fort,
Bombay 19th March, 1945.

N.B.—The Dividend when declared as recommended by the Directors, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company during office hours on and after Monday, the 23rd April 1945 (excepting Saturdays). Shareholders are requested to intimate immediately any change in their registered address to the Company. 2552

THE WESTERN INDIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD., SATARA.

NOTICE TO POLICYHOLDERS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE POLICYHOLDERS

1. It is hereby notified that the 31st General Meeting of the policyholders of the Western India Life Insurance Company, Limited, Satara, will be held at the registered Office of the Company at Satara on Sunday 24th June 1945 at 4 P. M. (S. T.) to transact the following business:—

"To elect four Directors to the Board, in place of all the four policyholders' Directors who retire under the Insurance Rules,".

2. Policyholders eligible for election as Directors and willing to stand for the election are requested to send their applications by registered post so as to reach the Registered Office of the Company not less than 2 months before the date of meeting. Such application should be either in English or Marathi and it must give the applicant's name and address and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by the Policies by virtue of which he claims to be eligible for election.

3. The qualifications which a person must possess in order to be eligible for election as a Director shall be as follows:—

(a) He must hold, otherwise than by way of assignment, one or more policies issued by the Company.

(b) The policies must insure either a total sum, including any bonuses that may have attached to them before the date of election, of not less than Rs. 3,000|- or annuities on human life of a total amount of not less than Rs. 250 per annum.

(c) The policies must have been in force for not less than 3 years and they must be unencumbered.

(d) He must not be a Director other than an elected policyholders' Director of this Company or Officer, employee or legal or technical adviser of this or of any other insurance company or an insurance agent or an employer of insurance agents.

4. Every policyholder who desires to attend the meeting must apply for a certificate of admission, such application to reach the company not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting.

5. Only and all persons holding policies issued by the Company which have been in force at the time of the election for not less than 6 months shall be eligible to vote at the Meeting.

6. Votes may be given either personally at the meeting or by proxy. Proxies which must be in the form prescribed by the Insurance Rules must be presented at the Registered Office of the Company not less than 1 month before the date of the Meeting. No policyholder shall appoint more than one Proxy irrespective of the number of policies he holds.

A form of appointment of a proxy will be supplied to any policyholder on request.

By Order,
K. Y. JOSHI,
Manager.

Satara City,

Dated 12th March, 1945. (2543)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RAILWAY

SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE

IT IS NOTIFIED that the following local trains will run on Through lines and will NOT therefore stop at stations as shown below:

E 444 Thana Dep.	23-15	will not stop at Currey Road and Chinchpokli during the period 19-3-1945 to 25-3-1945 both days inclusive.
346 Kalyan Dep.	23- 5	
348 Kalyan Dep.	0-30	
590 Kurla Dep.	2-50	
301 Bombay Dep.	0-20	will not stop at Mumbra during the period 19-3-1945 to 21-3-1945 both days inclusive.
351 Bombay Dep.	24-00	

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This is not a Prospectus but an announcement only.

(Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue under Defence of India Rule 94-A. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for correctness of any of the statements made or opinion expressed with regard to them).

THE BENGAL BREWERIES LIMITED.

Regd. Office: 6, MISSION ROW, CALCUTTA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	.....	Rs. 10,00,000
ISSUED & PAID-UP	.....	Rs. 5,00,000
FURTHER ISSUE	.....	Rs. 5,00,000

Divided into:—

45,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10 each payable Rs. 5 on application & Rs. 5 on allotment.

10,000 Deferred Shares of Rs. 5 each payable Rs. 2|8|- on application & Rs. 2|8|- on allotment.

BANKERS.
Central Bank of India Ltd.,
The Comilla Banking Corporation Ltd.

BROKERS.
Narayandass Khandelwal & Co.,
25, Swallow Lane, Calcutta.

AUDITORS.
Messrs. P. K. Ghosh & CO.,
Incorporated Accountants,
17, Mangoe Lane, Calcutta.

SOLICITOR.
Mr. M. G. Poddar,
6, Old Post Office St., Calcutta.

MANAGING AGENTS
Messrs. Khar & Co. Ltd.

REGD. OFFICE:—
6, Mission Row, Calcutta.

OBJECTS

The Board of Directors are pleased to announce that in spite of the severe War time conditions preventing procurement of the essential supplies, not only the construction of the Brewery with elaborate modern equipment has been completed within a year but that under still more difficult emergency conditions the Company has been able to place in the market conditioned Beer equivalent to the best imported quality which has stood the test of the Chief Chemical Examiner to the Government of Bengal. The Company is maintaining a regular, and steady supply to the military and civilian consumers and all important dealers. So great has been the popularity of "BB" Beer that the Company has been unable to cope with even a fraction of its demands. The Company with the increase of capital and prospect of improved conditions assures to place its production of "BB" Beer in increasing quantities within the reach of the public.

The Company has also been producing and supplying malt and malt extract to many leading pharmaceutical firms and have received contracts for very large supply of malt to the Food Department, Government of India.

To meet the increasing demand of the Company's products the Company has been granted sanction by the Government of India for issue of further capital for extension of the Brewery. The Directors have therefore pleasure in offering shares worth Rs. 5,00,000 and have pleasure in announcing that extension has already been taken in hand in order to achieve the dual object of

(1) effecting increased production;

(2) taking measures with regard to both technique and distribution for assured stabilisation of this industry under competitive post-war conditions.

Application for shares may be made either to the Company or to its Brokers or to its Bankers and must be accompanied with application money for shares applied for.

The Directors reserve to themselves the right to close the subscription list at any time and to allot only such shares as may be available after allotment is made to the existing members.

THE SASSOON SPINNING & WEAVING CO., LTD.

NOTICE

THE SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Maneckji Wadia Building, No. 125, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th April, 1945, at 4-30 P. M. (N.S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1944.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 30th March to FRIDAY, the 20th April, 1945, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
A. PETHER,
Manager.
Managing Agents.
Maneckji Wadia Building,
125, Esplanade Road, Fort,
Bombay, 19th March, 1945.

N.B.—The Dividend when declared as recommended by the Directors, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company during office hours on and after Monday the 30th April, 1945 (excepting Saturdays). Shareholders are requested to intimate immediately any change in their registered address to the Company. 2553

BOMBAY EXPLOSIONS & FIRES OF 14TH APRIL, 1944.

Under-insurance.
"Ex gratia" payments.

I refer to the Press Note issued by the Government of India on the 9th February, 1945.

Application forms for "ex gratia" payments in respect of under-insured property are now available and can be obtained from Insurance Companies.

ALL applications must be made on the prescribed form and handed to the Insurance Company which dealt with the original claim under the Bombay Explosion (Compensation) Ordinance, 1944.

Applications made after the 30th April 1945 will not be considered.

A. F. RICHARDS,
Chairman,
Fire Claims Committee.
Bombay, 17th March, 1945. 2539

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

STORES DEPARTMENT

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of Cane and Cane Baskets as and when required during the year ending 28th February 1946. They should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the Office of the Chief Accountant, not later than 1 P.M. (B. T.) on Wednesday, the 4th April, 1945, together with an earnest money deposit of Rs. 1,500|-. The forms of contract, schedules etc. will be issued by the undersigned on payment of Rs. 1|4|-.

Tenders must be brought duly sealed to the Municipal Office as directed above. Tenderers shall not be allowed to fill in or seal their tenders at the Chief Accountant's or any other Municipal Office.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
A. H. R. SHAIKH,
Controller of Stores.
566, DeLisle Road, Bombay.
Dated, 20th March, 1945. (2550)

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDER.

BAN ON SALE OF HOT OR HEATED AND COOLED MILK

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 17th March, 1945.

No. 57(G)|IV-C(b)—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules and in supersession of the Order issued in Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply), No. 57(G)|-IV-C, dated the 24th November 1944, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that no person in charge of a catering establishment situated within the limits of the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District shall, with effect from the 18th day of March 1945, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a license issued by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, supply or serve, or offer to supply or serve hot or boiled milk or milk which has been heated and then cooled to any person who is not at the time a resident of such establishment.

EXPLANATION—For the purposes of this Order catering establishment means any premises wherein is carried on whether or not in addition to any other form of business, the business of supplying or serving milk to the public or a class of the public, for consumption on the premises or outside and includes a Railway Refreshment room or Restaurant car on a railway.

By order of the Governor of Bombay.
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. (2351)

ORDER

BAN ON SERVICE OF TEA| COFFEE WITHOUT SKIM MILK

Finance Department (Supply), Bombay Castle, 17th March, 1945.

No. 57 (G)|IV-C (a)—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Order in Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply) No. 57 (G)|IV-C dated the 25th January 1945, as follows, namely:—

1. To clause (2) of the said Order, the following sub-clause shall be added, namely:—

"(d) supply or serve or offer to supply or serve to any person in a cup or drinking vessel tea or coffee to which milk prepared from skim milk powder has not been added;"

2. To clause (4) of the said Order and before the proviso, the following sub-clause shall be added, namely:—

"(c) sell or cause to be sold to any person in a cup or drinking vessel tea or coffee to which milk prepared from skim milk powder has not been added."

By Order of the Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. 2351

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male non-Muslim candidates to fill a temporary post in the Bengal Factories Service which will continue for the duration of the war. Pay—275—750.

AGE—between 25 and 30. Qualifications—must have had a first class general education; must have served a full apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer, with training in the drawing office; must have secured a degree or diploma in Engineering of a British University or technical college, or an Associate Membership of a recognised British Institute of Engineers or a Certificate of Competency issued by the Board of Trade as extra first class or first class engineer; must have some years' experience in responsible posts; must have ability to deal with all questions connected with the electrical and structural engineering that may occur in the course of an Inspector's duties, and must have experience in the construction and maintenance of boilers. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 22nd March, 1945. 2546

AUCTION SALES

BONAFIDE SALE.

Of well-made Jacobean Drawing, Dining and Bedroom furniture, Crockery, H. M. V. Gramophone and records, Iron beds etc., on WEDNESDAY, 21st March, 1945, at 11 a.m. (N.S.T.) at 6 Cuffe Parade, Colaba. On view from 17th March.

Property of Mr. J. P. Bass.
CRAWFORD & Co.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPALITY

SALE OF MUNICIPAL PLOTS ON THE KALUPUR RELIEF ROAD, (JINNAH ROAD) BY TENDERS.

THE AHMEDABAD MUNICIPALITY proposes to sell certain plots in Section Nos. II, III, and VII, of Kalupur Relief Road (Jinnah Road) by inviting tenders. The tenders will be opened on Monday, the 9th April, 1945 at 4-0 P. M. The amount of Rs. 500|- as earnest money for each plot will have to be paid in advance. No tender will be valid unless the earnest money is paid. The up-set price is shown in the tender form and no tender will be accepted if it is below the up-set price.

Further particulars and information regarding the plots to be sold can be had from the Estate and City Improvement Officer from 3 to 6 P.M. on working days. The tender form will be had on payment of Re. 1|- and a copy of the plan of each section will be given on payment of Rs. 2|-.

(Sd.) M. A. PATEL,
Chief Officer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.
Municipal Office,
Ahmedabad, Dt. 15-3-1945. 2537

AUCTION SALES

BONA FIDE SALE

Auction Sale of large 18th Century French vases, unique electric hall lamps, John Brinsmead Cottage Piano, English and Majolica vases, palm pots, beautiful paintings in gold-gilt frames, solid teakwood furniture, marble figures, etc.

Under instructions from the Trustees of the Deed of Settlement dated 1st August, 1913, executed by the late Seth Bomanji Dinshaw Petit, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction (TO-DAY) Tuesday, the 20th March, 1945, at 3 P.M. (N.S.T.), at the premises of Union Bank Building (1st Floor), Apollo Street, Fort, the abovementioned furniture made by Benjamin and other well-known makers, such as dining table, chairs, beds, very beautiful big vases, flower pots with stands, and numerous other articles.

On view.

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